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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF E. RICHARD DURFEE**

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, and Lally

Date Introduced: June 13, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of E.  
2 Richard Durfee, the devoted husband for 46 years of Angela T. Durfee, the loving father of Erin  
3 E. Durfee, Kristen A. Kramer and her husband, Joe, and Kevin R. Durfee and his wife, Antonina,  
4 and the proud grandfather of Carlin Durfee, Joseph and Caroline Kramer, and Aivan and  
5 Angelina Durfee; and

6           WHEREAS, Mr. Durfee was born in Providence to the late Norman and Edna Durfee.  
7 Upon graduation from South Kingstown High School in 1959, he enlisted in the United States  
8 Army and was based in West Berlin, where he witnessed the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, Finishing his tour of duty, Mr. Durfee returned stateside and continued his  
11 education, earning a degree in Accounting from the University of Rhode Island. He entered the  
12 workforce as an accountant for Raytheon Co. in Portsmouth but left in order to run the family  
13 business, George's of Galilee, after his father's retirement in 1969; and

14           WHEREAS, Combining business acumen, hard work, a panoramic location, and the best  
15 in classic New England seafood, Mr. Durfee made George's a landmark culinary destination that  
16 is renowned across the country; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Durfee believed in giving back to his community. As a charter member  
18 of the Narragansett Lions Club, Mr. Durfee was posthumously honored with the Melvin Jones  
19 Fellowship Award. The award is bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated exemplary  
20 service to the community and is the highest form of recognition given by the Lion's association;

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2 WHEREAS, In addition to his family and George's restaurant, Mr. Durfee loved the  
3 ocean, traveling, swimming, skiing, and windsurfing. He was founder of the Blessing of the Fleet,  
4 a charter member of the URI Men's Basketball Fast Break Club, a Little League coach and a  
5 sponsor for numerous local youth sports teams. He was also a member of St. Peter's by-the-Sea in  
6 Narragansett, and an avid reader and word buff, who loved history and having a cup of coffee and  
7 exchanging stories with the old-time fishermen in Galilee; and

8 WHEREAS, A steadfast gentleman, family man, and a consummate businessman,  
9 Richard Durfee left this world a far better place because of his life's endeavors. His dry humor  
10 and quick wit will be missed by many and he will be dearly remembered; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
12 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire Durfee Family on  
13 the passing of E. Richard Durfee; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Angela Durfee and Family.

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