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

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RAPHAEL SAGARIN

Introduced By: Representative Brian C. Newberry

Date Introduced: June 02, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the untimely passing
2 of Raphael "Rafe" Sagarin, renowned marine ecologist and professor at the University of
3 Arizona, and the beloved husband of Rebecca Masten Crocker and devoted father of Ella and
4 Rosa; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Sagarin was born and raised in Connecticut, the son of Mary and Jacob
6 Daniel Sagarin, and the brother of Mark and Joshua Sagarin. During his youth, he spent many
7 summers on Cape Cod with his family where his lifelong love of the ocean and marine life began.
8 He attended Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station where he completed his undergraduate
9 and doctoral studies; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1993, Mr. Sagarin, in collaboration with a fellow classmate, conducted
11 his first of many published and acclaimed studies, this one revealing for the first time, the effects
12 of climate change on the intertidal ecosystem. He continued his research, studying Pacific Grove's
13 tidal pools, which he guided then President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore on a tour of the
14 area. He also studied the Gulf of California, often traveling to the area accompanied by fellow
15 researchers; and

16 WHEREAS, Leading an exciting and challengingly diverse course through his life, Rafe
17 Sagarin was committed to education and research, had published a number of books, worked and
18 led the ocean ecosystem initiative at Biosphere 2, had served as a science advisor, led the
19 Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions at Duke University, trained military
20 personnel, corporations, and emergency response teams, and lectured on applying adaptive

1 lessons on the natural world to dealing with security threats, and was a gifted artist, to name but a
2 few of his many achievements and talents; and

3 WHEREAS, Rafe Sagarin was described by a friend and colleague as a Renaissance guy
4 who "lived life to the fullest" and "did what he loved and loved what he did." His life was
5 tragically cut too short but was filled with amazing discoveries and accomplishments and the
6 abounding love of his family and friends. He will be dearly missed; now therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Professor
9 Raphael Sagarin; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Rebecca Masten Crocker and Family.

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