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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHARLES HENRY  
GAVITT, JR.

Introduced By: Senators Kettle, Sosnowski, and Gee

Date Introduced: May 12, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the untimely passing  
2 of Charles Henry "Chick" Gavitt, Jr., the beloved life companion of Victoria Lynn Bartlett, and  
3 the devoted father of Elloise Grace Gavitt and Jaxson Charles Gavitt; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Westerly, Chick was the son of Dorothy and Charles Henry "Chick"  
5 Gavitt, Sr., and the brother of Marlo Joan Logan. He was also the brother-in-law of David  
6 Badger Logan and the uncle of Aiden Charles Logan. He had graduated from University of  
7 Rhode Island, Summa Cum Laude, with a Bachelor's degree in History, Secondary Education,  
8 and a minor in Asian Studies; and

9 WHEREAS, Earning the revered title of "Kyoshi," which is awarded for special  
10 accomplishments within the field of martial arts, Chick had studied and worked in the martial arts  
11 for three decades and was the founder of Ichiban Karate and Kickboxing Studio. He was a 7th  
12 degree Black Belt in Okinawan Shorin-Ryu Shidokan, a 3rd degree Black Belt in Shorin-Ryu  
13 Shorinkan, and a 3rd degree Black Belt in Okinawan Weapons; and

14 WHEREAS, Chick was named Director of Shorin-Ryu Shidokan for Rhode Island, and  
15 was a Rhode Island Faculty Member of the National School Support Network; and

16 WHEREAS, Incredibly fit, disciplined, and highly-trained, Kyoshi Chick Gavitt was one  
17 of only 200 Budokon Instructors in the world and was also a certified Boot Camp Instructor,  
18 Cardio Kickboxing Instructor, TRX certified trainer, Level 1 Muay Thai Teacher, and a Level 2  
19 MMA Fitness Trainer; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to his family and the martial arts, Chick was dedicated and  
2 actively involved with many organizations within the community for which he had earned a  
3 Gubernatorial Citation from former Governor Donald Carcieri. He was a member of the South  
4 Kingstown Cares organization and had served as President of the Wakefield Downtown  
5 Merchants Association; and

6           WHEREAS, Chick fought his cancer the same way he lived his life, with gusto and  
7 courage. His determination in the face of adversity was inspirational, and he enriched the lives of  
8 all who knew him; now, therefore be

9           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
10 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Charles Henry Gavitt, Jr.; and be it  
11 further

12           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Victoria Lynn Bartlett and Family.

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