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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RALPH CATUOGNO

Introduced By: Representatives Winfield, Costantino, Fogarty, Williams, and Mattiello

Date Introduced: February 07, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Ralph
2 Catuogno, the loving husband of fifty-nine years to the late Olive Catuogno, and the cherished
3 father of Marilyn Harrington, Carolyn Cancelliere, Sandra Rego and her husband, Michael, Dr.
4 Linda Nield and her husband, Timothy, our friend and colleague, Lori Catuogno, Leslie
5 Catuogno, and the late Ralph M. Catuogno, and the father-in-law of the late Steven Cancelliere.
6 He was also the very proud grandfather of Adam, Michael, Joshua, Olivia, and Timothy; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Mr. Catuogno was the son of the late Elia and Restituta
8 Catuogno, and the brother of Dr. Anthony Catuogno, and the late Teresa Catuogno, and Marie
9 Catuogno. He was a graduate and had been an outstanding student and athlete at Central High
10 School, and had attained his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the College of the Holy Cross;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Catuogno served our country with honor and distinction in the United
13 States Army during the Korean War. He was a conscientious and hard-working man, and had
14 been employed as a pharmaceutical chemist and had been a pioneer in the research and
15 development of cardiac medications; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Catuogno had been an advocate for the development of myriad youth
17 programs in Rhode Island, and particularly in the advancement of women's sports programs. For
18 more than sixty years, he had served as a basketball official for high school sports, and at the
19 collegiate level, as the Official Timer for Brown University, Bryant University and Providence
20 College; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Catuogno had served as the Past President and
2 Commissioner of the Rhode Island Basketball Officials Association, and for forty years, had been
3 the Volunteer Director of Girls and Boys Basketball Leagues for the Smithfield Recreation
4 Department. He was also one of the founders of the Smithfield summer basketball program; and

5 WHEREAS, An active and contributing member of numerous organizations, Mr.
6 Catuogno was widely admired in the community and had been honored with numerous accolades.
7 He had been inducted into the Rhode Island Interscholastic Hall of Fame, the Order of Sons of
8 Italy Hall of Fame, the Smithfield Heritage Hall of Fame, the Rhode Island High School Coaches
9 Football Hall of Fame, and the New England Basketball Hall of Fame. In addition, Mr. Catuogno
10 had numerous scholarships in his name that have benefitted numerous young scholar-athletes
11 throughout the state. Also, the Town of Smithfield had honored him by proclaiming April 6,
12 1979, as "Ralph Catuogno Day," and dedicated the basketball courts at Anna M. McCabe School
13 in his name; and

14 WHEREAS, Our thoughts and hearts hold great empathy and sorrow for Mr. Catuogno's
15 family and many friends and admirers. He enriched the lives of all who knew him and will be
16 dearly missed; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Ralph
19 Catuogno; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Lori Catuogno.

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