

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF KERRY ROCK CURRAN

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Casey, Morin, O'Brien, and Solomon

Date Introduced: February 15, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Kerry
2 Rock Curran, the devoted husband of Georgette Curran, for more than forty-five years, the
3 beloved father of Seth Curran, and a lifelong resident of the City of Woonsocket; and

4 WHEREAS, Kerry Curran, affectionately known as "The Rock", was the son of the late
5 James and Yvette Curran, and the brother of Maureen Morse, Nancy Landry, and the late Dr.
6 James P. Curran, II. His mischievous youth was spent "swimming at the YMCA, shooting rats at
7 the dump, drinking his father's fresh squeezed orange juice every morning, and avoiding all
8 manner of nun-related discipline at St. Charles Parish School"; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Woonsocket High School, where he was a defensive
10 lineman on the football team, Mr. Curran earned his degree from Rhode Island College, and to
11 the good fortune of many a Woonsocket teenager, he began teaching at Woonsocket Junior High.
12 During the course of his thirty-two year career in education, he held myriad positions, including
13 working as "The Peace Man" and "resident fixer", and although the titles changed from time to
14 time, he was always totally dedicated toward the betterment of his students and was often heard
15 to say that his job was to help "square pegs who didn't fit into round holes"; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Curran's altruism also extended to his community and neighbors
17 through his association and volunteer work with the Special Olympics, Boy Scout Troop 1106,
18 and Camp Ker-Anna; and

19 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Kerry Curran, a caring and patient gentleman,
20 provided generations of young people in Woonsocket with a far brighter future because of his

1 life's endeavors. He enriched the lives of all who knew him and he will be dearly missed; now,
2 therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
4 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Kerry Rock
5 Curran; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Georgette Curran and Family.

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