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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 CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DR. SAMUEL J. MONTALTO, JR.

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Corvese, Kennedy, Barros, and Morin

Date Introduced: March 15, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel J. Montalto, Jr., of Westerly, Rhode Island, passed away on
2 Saturday, March 4, 2017, after fighting a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. He was a
3 loving husband and devoted father; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Montalto was born on October 11, 1959, the son of Virginia Montalto
5 and the late Samuel J. Montalto, Sr. Dr. Montalto graduated from Westerly High School in 1977,
6 and attended the University of Rhode Island, where he attained a Bachelor's degree and a
7 Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences; and

8 WHEREAS, After graduation, Dr. Montalto worked at Granite Drugs, Inc., while
9 continuing his education at the New England College of Optometry, where he attained a Doctor
10 of Optometry degree. The following year, he began practicing at Coastal Eye Associates, where
11 he became a beloved figure in the community and worked until his passing; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his practice, Dr. Montalto was affiliated with the American
13 Optometric Association and the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island Eye Care Advisory
14 Committee. He was also a member of the Rhode Island Optometric Association, where he served
15 on the Board of Directors for many years and as President from 1998 to 1999; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Montalto was also a commissioned officer in the United States Air
17 Force Reserves, where he served our nation with honor and distinction. He had recently been
18 promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was a member of the 439th Aerospace Medicine
19 Squadron, serving at Westover Air Reserve Base; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Montalto was a devoted servant of his community and church. He was a

1 member of the Pawcatuk Lions Club, the Westerly Public Library and Westerly Hospital Boards
2 of Incorporators, and was one of the trustees for the Church of the Immaculate Conception. In his
3 spare time, he enjoyed playing tennis, sailing, kayaking, going to the beach and spending time
4 with his family; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Montalto leaves behind his wife, Deborah, and their three children,
6 Catherine, Emily and Sam. He is survived by his mother, Virginia, his brother and sister-in-law,
7 Stephen and Barbara Montalto and their children, Zachary and Dylan, his brother Christopher and
8 his sons Ethan and Christian, his father in-law and mother-in-law Gardner and Ruth Werking, and
9 numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
11 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Dr. Samuel J.
12 Montalto, Jr.; and be it further

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

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