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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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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 JAMES PAUL  
DECASTRO, SR.**

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, Donovan, Casey, Keable, and Bennett

Date Introduced: June 21, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of James  
2 Paul DeCastro, Sr., the husband of our friend and colleague, Leslie DeCastro, and the beloved  
3 father of Kara Ann Estrella and James P. DeCastro, Jr.; and

4           WHEREAS, James was born on February 6th of 1954 in the City of Providence and was  
5 a graduate of De La Salle Academy and the Rhode Island Trade Shop School. He was the son of  
6 Dolores DeCastro and the late Joseph DeCastro, and the brother of Cynthia Singman and Susan  
7 DeCastro; and

8           WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, children, and mother, James is survived by his  
9 beautiful grandchildren, Cole Estrella and Kenzie Estrella, who always brought light and  
10 immeasurable happiness into his life, his son-in-law, Thomas Estrella, and his soon-to-be  
11 daughter-in-law, Camblin Reyes; and

12           WHEREAS, James had served as the State of Rhode Island's first Executive High Sheriff  
13 and was the last Bristol County Sheriff in the state's history. He had also served as the Chief of  
14 Administrative Services and Director of the Sheriff's training academy. During his tenure as  
15 Executive High Sheriff, he was responsible for 212 employees as well as managing budgets and  
16 setting policy and procedures; and

17           WHEREAS, In addition, James had previously been a local business owner in the Town  
18 of Bristol and had held leadership positions with numerous civic organizations including,  
19 President of the Rhode Island Association of Democratic City & Town Chairs, Chairman of the

1 Bristol Democrat Town Committee, and a member of the State Committee Executive Board and  
2 the Newport Lions Club. He was also an avid fan of NHRA Drag Racing; and

3 WHEREAS, A famous musician once said, "You don't know how strong you are until  
4 being strong is the only option you have." James had dealt with physical challenges for many  
5 years before his passing and though it was often heart-wrenching, his family had always been  
6 there to help and care for him; and

7 WHEREAS, Although James is gone from our sight, he will never be vanished from the  
8 hearts of those who knew and loved him, and while words cannot mend the heartache, time will  
9 lessen the burden, and cherished memories will provide comfort and peace of mind in the years to  
10 come; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
12 Providence Plantations hereby extends its deepest sympathy to the family of James Paul  
13 DeCastro, Sr.; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Leslie DeCastro and Family.

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