

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RICHARD H. COLWELL

Introduced By: Senators Kettle, Metts, Lombardi, Archambault, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: February 16, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Richard H. Colwell, the devoted husband of Heidi A. Colwell, and beloved father of three
3 daughters, Priscilla Lundblad, Rebecca Ouellette, and Kathryn McCullough, and three sons, Alan
4 Colwell, Jon Colwell, and Gordon Brayton; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Mr. Colwell was a son of the late Earl and Jennie
6 Colwell, and the brother of Nancy Cornwell, and the late Jane Kuhn, Bruce Colwell, and Patricia
7 Knight; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Colwell served our country with honor and was stationed in England
9 during World War II. He was a hard-working man and was the owner and operator of RH
10 Colwell Inc. for many years before he retired; and

11 WHEREAS, An active and contributing member of his community, Mr. Colwell was a
12 lifetime volunteer in the Town of Foster, and had spent many hours helping with the design and
13 building of the South Foster Fire Station and the planning and building of the Swamp Meadow
14 Bridge. He had also been a member of the Foster Preservation Society, a life member of Ionic
15 Lodge, a member of Green RI, had served as past President of South Foster Volunteer Fire
16 Company, and was a member of the Foster Old Home Days Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Colwell was active politically and had been elected to the Foster Town
18 Council, and served as the past Chairman of Foster Republican Town Committee, and
19 Chairperson of the 1st adopted Foster Charter Commission; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife and children, Mr. Colwell was the proud grandfather

1 of twelve grandchildren, Jay and Shawn Lundblad, Abigail Smith, Scott, Nathaniel, and Brittany
2 Colwell, Sarah Martel, Thomas Ouellette, Jessica Grossi, Benjamin and Jennifer Brayton, and
3 Laila McCullough, and fourteen great-grandchildren, plus one on the way; and

4 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Richard Colwell left this world a far better place
5 because of his life's endeavors. He was a steadfast gentleman, whose integrity and determination
6 enriched the lives of all who knew him and was an inspiration to us all; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Richard H. Colwell; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Heidi A. Colwell and Family.

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