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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARK S. SPANGLER

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, McEntee, Vella-Wilkinson, Azzinaro, and Morgan

Date Introduced: June 05, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Mark S. Spangler of Wakefield passed away on Friday, May 25, 2018. He
2 was the beloved husband of Mary A. Donnelly; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Spangler was born in Long Beach, California, the son of William S.
4 Spangler and the late Thalia J. Spangler. Mark graduated from Rogers High School and the
5 University of Rhode Island, where he was a member of the nationally ranked URI Debate Team.
6 He later graduated from the University of the California Hastings College of the Law in 1973. He
7 also served our nation with honor during the Vietnam War as a Sergeant with the United States
8 Army Rangers; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating from law school, Mr. Spangler returned to Rhode Island to
10 practice law. He was a distinguished member of the Rhode Island and California State Bar
11 Associations. His many accomplishments as a practicing attorney include the founding of the
12 legal clinic, Sympatico, formerly of Wakefield, and serving with distinction as the Town Solicitor
13 of South Kingstown. Most recently, he had volunteered at the Johnnycake Center helping to
14 prepare and files taxes for those in need of assistance; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Spangler was a proud member of the Vietnam Veterans of America
16 Chapter 325 for more than forty years, serving as Secretary and Treasurer. He also served as
17 Secretary of the Rhode Island Veterans Council. He was the architect and driving force behind
18 the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Garden at Dale Carlia Corner and for many years devoted his
19 weekend mornings to gardening and maintaining it for the public; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife and father, Mr. Spangler leaves behind his daughter,

1 Christine Hoerning, and her husband, Rainer and their three children, Anna Sophia, Lucas and
2 Eric, and his daughter, Mary Eileen Taylor, and her husband, Daniel and their two children,
3 Daniel James and Abby Mae Thalia. He also leaves behind his brother, Reed Spangler and his
4 wife, Yvonne, along with many brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, extended family
5 members, and many friends. He was predeceased by his brother, Neal Spangler; and

6 WHEREAS, In his free time, Mr. Spangler loved tending to his yard and garden in the
7 company of his devoted cat, LB. He also enjoyed collecting stamps, and, most of all, spending
8 time with his grandchildren. He leaves an enduring legacy as a loving husband, father, brother,
9 grandfather, friend, and counselor; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode and Providence
11 Plantations hereby extends its condolences to the Spangler family on the passing of Mark S.
12 Spangler; 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 Mary A. Donnelly and Family.

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