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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 THE HONORABLE DAVID W.
DUMAS**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Filippi, Newberry, and
Quattrocchi

Date Introduced: January 02, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable David W. Dumas, a dedicated public servant who had
2 served our state with honor, integrity and devotion for more than four decades, passed away on
3 November 27, 2018. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth Dumas; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Dumas was born on January 22, 1943, in Lowell, Massachusetts. He
5 graduated from Phillips Academy in 1960, Brown University in 1964 with a Bachelor's degree in
6 Latin, and a Master's degree in the Classics in 1977, and JD and LLB degrees from the University
7 of Virginia Law School in 1967. He had a very distinguished legal career and worked for many
8 years for the law firm Dumas, MacDonald & Holland; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Dumas began his exemplary public service career in 1970 when he
10 served as a member of the North Kingstown Historic District Commission from 1970 to 1971. He
11 was elected to the East Greenwich School Committee and served as a member from 1976 to
12 1983, and as its Chairman from 1976 to 1980. He was elected in 1982 from East Greenwich to
13 serve as a member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, a position he held from 1983 to
14 1992, and was selected by his colleagues to serve as the Minority Leader from 1989 to 1992. He
15 was also an invaluable member of the Rhode Island General Assembly staff for approximately
16 three decades; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Dumas has also served the wider community as a member of numerous
18 organizations including the Rhode Island Bar Association, Society of Cincinnati, the Sons of
19 Colonial Wars, the Mayflower Society and the Willowdell Beach Club. David had a lifelong

1 thirst for knowledge and passionate interest in history, travel, reading and public affairs. He was
2 admired by all who knew him and a conversation with him was always a great learning
3 experience. He will be sorely missed by his loved ones, many friends and his fellow co-workers;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Honorable David W. Dumas, in addition to his wife, Elizabeth, leaves
6 behind his children Sam and his wife Trixie Dumas, Amy and her husband Mike Engelsman,
7 Priscilla and her husband Damon Kubas, and Caroline Dumas. He was the stepfather of Scott and
8 Andrew Deutsch and Sara Taylor. He was the Grandfather of Troy, Tory and Sabrina Dumas,
9 Alex and Anastasia Engelsman, Nicholas, Peter and Lucy Kubas, and Anna Deutsch; now,
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
12 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of the Honorable
13 David W. Dumas; 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. Elizabeth Dumas and Family.

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