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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 RAYMOND R. CODERRE

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Johnston, Alzate, and Barros

Date Introduced: May 02, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Raymond R. Coderre, the devoted husband for fifty-one years to the
2 Honorable Elaine Coderre, a former member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives,
3 passed away on April 18, 2019, in Ormond Beach, Florida, after a courageous battle with cancer;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Coderre was born in 1945 to the late Russell and Emily Coderre. He
6 grew up in a working-class neighborhood in Pawtucket with his three brothers, Joseph, William,
7 and Paul. He was a talented athlete who played football and ran track at Saint Raphael Academy
8 before graduating in 1963. He also served our nation with honor and integrity for six years as a
9 member of the Rhode Island National Guard from which he received an Honorable Discharge as
10 a Specialist 4th Class. As a member of the Guard, he served as a Select Reserve Combat Engineer
11 with the 118th Dump Truck Support Group; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Coderre was a dedicated family man who worked hard to provide for
13 his loved ones. His first jobs were at Burger Chef in East Providence, with the Providence Braid
14 Company, and as a manager for Newport Creamery from 1968 to 1975, but he spent most of his
15 distinguished professional career working as a business analyst for nearly thirty years with the
16 Jewelers Board of Trade. He was also active with the National Association of Credit Managers
17 where he was voted Credit Executive of the Year in 1992. He also served the citizens of our State
18 and the Rhode Island General Assembly with distinction as an auditor with the Rhode Island
19 Auditor General's Office; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Coderre initially attended Bryant University after graduating from High

1 School but had to leave due to family responsibilities. He returned to Bryant University after
2 raising his children and attained a Bachelor of Science degree in 1989 with a major in marketing.
3 He was the first member of his family to graduate high school or college; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Coderre was well-known and admired for his honesty, integrity, ethical
5 leadership, and his many years of devoted service to the community. He was a member of the
6 Junior Chamber of Commerce, where he served as the President of the Pawtucket Jaycees and as
7 District Director for the Rhode Island Jaycees. He received many national, regional, and local
8 awards in recognition of his tireless service to the Jaycees, and in 1981, he was inducted into the
9 United States Jaycees Hall of Fame. His most treasured achievement with the Jaycees occurred in
10 1979 when he was named JCI Senator #27406 and life member, the highest honor that is
11 bestowed by the Junior Chamber International for Outstanding Service to the organization; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Coderre was also a member of the Knights of Columbus-Father
13 Eamonn Gill Council 13018 at St. Brendan the Navigator Catholic Church in Ormond Beach,
14 Florida, and previously of the Delaney Council 57 in Pawtucket. Mr. Coderre was a passionate
15 fan of the New England sports teams, especially the Boston Red Sox, Pawtucket Red Sox, and the
16 New England Patriots. He and his wife vacationed every year at the Sunrise Beach Club in
17 Daytona Beach, where they chose to retire in 2015. In retirement, he enjoyed attending Daytona
18 Tortugas baseball games, playing in the Greater Daytona Beach Senior Softball League, spending
19 time at the YMCA, the Senior Center, and attending concerts and lectures in Florida. He also
20 continued to remain active in the JCI Senate; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Mr. Coderre leaves behind his children, Bob Coderre
22 and his wife, Neicy, the Honorable Tom Coderre, Karen Barber and her husband, Calvin, his six
23 grandchildren, Joey, Hannah, Jack, David, Calvin, and Sashi, and his great-granddaughter Elora
24 Grace; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Coderre leaves behind a rich legacy of achievement and community
26 service. He was a devoted family man and a beloved figure within the community. He will be
27 sorely missed by his family and his many friends and will live on in the hearts of all who knew
28 and loved him; now, therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
30 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its deepest condolences to the Coderre Family on the
31 passing of Raymond R. Coderre; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Elaine Coderre and Family.

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