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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DENNIS MICHAEL LAVALLEE

Introduced By: Senators Paolino, Pearson, Goodwin, McCaffrey, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: February 07, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Dennis Michael Lavallee was born in Providence, a son of Elizabeth and the  
2 late Hervey "Hank" Lavallee; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Lavallee was raised in North Providence in a home full of love, laughter  
4 and joy. He was the fourth child of Hervey "Hank" Lavallee, a roadway truck driver, and  
5 Elizabeth "Betty" Lavallee, a teacher's aide and devoted homemaker; and

6 WHEREAS, Dennis was a good student who excelled in numerous sports, including  
7 basketball, baseball, and especially football where he was a standout athlete who shined on both  
8 sides of the line throughout his remarkable high school career. One of the highlights of his  
9 athletic experience was being coached by his father through several successful Pop Warner  
10 seasons; and

11 WHEREAS, Dennis Lavallee's life was forever changed for the better when he met the  
12 love of his life Claudia and her daughter, Taylor. Claudia and he were soon married and lived for  
13 a period of time in North Providence before settling in Lincoln, where they welcomed two new  
14 additions to their family, a son, Hank and a daughter, Reese; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Lavallee was a proud member of Teamsters Local 251 for twenty-five  
16 years, working as a driver at McLaughlin & Moran, where his peers elected him union steward.  
17 He was also hired by Local 251 in 2015 to run its Driving School. As their Lead Instructor, he  
18 trained dozens of truck drivers. In recognition of his service and commitment to Local 251, he  
19 was elected Trustee in 2016, and had served as its Assistant Business Agent for the last two years;  
20 and

1           WHEREAS, Dennis's first priority in life was always his family. In addition to his full-  
2 time job, he co-owned and managed a tanning salon in order to better provide for his family. He  
3 always found time for his family, whether he was working on countless home improvement  
4 projects or just spending quality time with his wife and children; and

5           WHEREAS, Dennis also volunteered working as a Local 251 Charity Fund Trustee,  
6 helping to run and host events that benefitted the children of teamsters and those in need in the  
7 wider community; and

8           WHEREAS, Dennis Michael Lavallee also leaves behind his siblings, Hervey E.  
9 Lavallee, III, and Tammy M. Beaudreault and her husband, James. He was predeceased by his  
10 sister, Denise Ann Lavallee; now, therefore be it

11           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
12 hereby expresses its condolences to the Lavallee Family on the passing of Dennis Michael  
13 Lavallee; 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. Claudia Lavallee and Family.

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