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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE
ARMANDO EMILIO BATASTINI, JR.

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: June 17, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of the
2 Honorable Armando Emilio Batastini, Jr., devoted husband of Mary Elizabeth Batastini for fifty-
3 four years, and the beloved father of Armando III, and his wife, Kara, Maria, Laurie, and
4 Christina, and the proud grandfather of Lucien, Paul Joseph, Emilia, Olivia, and Ryanne; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of the late Katherine and Armando Batastini, Sr., Armand, as he
6 was fondly known by family and friends, was a lifelong resident of the Elmhurst/Mt. Pleasant
7 section of Providence; and

8 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from St. Pius School, LaSalle Academy, and the
9 Massanutten Military Academy, Mr. Batastini earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees by
10 attending Brown University, Providence College, and Boston University, and had served our
11 country with honor in the United States Navy; and

12 WHEREAS, For thirty-seven years, Mr. Batastini worked in Student Services for the
13 Providence School Department. He focused on improving student attendance, and spent many
14 hours visiting students' homes and co-working with parents; and

15 WHEREAS, The Honorable Armand Batastini served in the Rhode Island House of
16 Representatives from 1976 until 1992, representing neighborhoods in the Elmhurst/Mt. Pleasant
17 and North Providence areas. Well respected by his peers, he had been named a Deputy Majority
18 Leader and Chairman of the Children's Code Commission, and had championed legislation for
19 gifted education and senior rights, most notably on the Senior Citizen Bill of Rights; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to his years of service at the State House, Mr. Batastini was
2 named to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Children and Youth for his work with
3 education, had served on the Elmhurst Little League Board of Directors, and together with his
4 daughter, Christina, sponsored a youth baseball team. He also coached youth basketball, both
5 boys and girls, for 63 years, at the high school and recreation levels, primarily at St. Pius parish
6 where he led his team to achieve numerous State and New England CYO championships and
7 coached countless All-State recipients and collegiate players; and

8 WHEREAS, For his tireless devotion to the community, Mr. Batastini was honored with
9 myriad awards and distinctions over the course of his lifetime. In 2019, the Armand Batastini
10 Recreation Center in Providence was named in his honor. He was also inducted into the New
11 England Basketball Hall of Fame and the Sons of Italy Hall of Fame, was presented with the
12 Institute for Arts and Humanities Award, the Hubert Humphrey Public Service Award, and was
13 named CYO Man of the Year; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the years, Armand Batastini mentored thousands of young people,
15 made significant contributions to the rights of seniors, and served the people of Rhode Island with
16 commitment and honor, and he will be truly missed; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby extends deepest condolences on the passing of the Honorable
19 Armando Emilio Batastini, Jr.; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Batastini, Jr. and Family.

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