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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JONATHAN B. MILLER

Introduced By: Representative Katherine S. Kazarian

Date Introduced: June 17, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sincere sadness that this House has learned of the untimely passing
2 of Jonathan B. Miller, MBA, the cherished son of Dr. Kevin and Janet Miller, beloved brother of
3 Chelsea Apanovitch, DPT, and her husband, Austin, Courtney Miller, MD, and her fiancé,
4 Andrew Wall, and Anthony Miller. He is also survived by his paternal grandparents, David and
5 Diane Miller, and several uncles, aunts, cousins, Godchildren, and cherished friends. He was
6 predeceased by his grandparents, the late Frank and Gloria Bianco; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, “Jon” as he was affectionately known by his family and
8 many friends, made his entrance into the world five weeks early and resultantly spent more than
9 two years in the hospital enduring countless surgeries and procedures due to gastroschisis; and

10 WHEREAS, Blessed with his parents' amazing love and dedication, Jon became one of
11 the first children to be discharged home on Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN) IV feedings, a
12 procedure he would endure for the next twenty-six years of his life; and

13 WHEREAS, Jon graduated from East Providence High School and received his
14 Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Johnson & Wales University. He had worked as a real
15 estate property manager, an office administrator for Miller Chiropractic in East Providence, and
16 also enjoyed being an Uber driver; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1994, Jon received the Lifeline Child of the Year Award, a national
18 award given to an inspirational child who exemplifies strength and courage. As a young man, he
19 traveled to Washington, D.C., with his father in order to discuss the importance of removing pre-
20 existing medical condition clauses in healthcare insurance policies with Senators. He also

1 participated in the National March for Life with St. Brendan's CYO; and

2 WHEREAS, Jon's parents created the "Courage Award" in his honor. Thus far, more
3 than 150 East Providence students, who have demonstrated outstanding courage due to
4 challenging circumstances in their lives, have been honored with this award; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2009, due to the overwhelming complications associated with the
6 procedure, Jon chose to stop the TPN, resultantly giving him a diagnosis from his doctors of only
7 two months to live; and

8 WHEREAS, Always a fighter, Jon beat the odds and spent the following eleven years
9 celebrating life, and despite his travails, his spirit remained laudable and vibrant, and his joy for
10 life was always exhibited in his perpetual smile. Jon was truly an inspiration to all who knew
11 him, and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
13 Providence Plantations hereby expresses deepest sympathy to the entire Miller Family on the
14 passing of Jonathan B. Miller; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Dr. Kevin and Janet Miller, Chelsea
17 Apanovitch, DPT, and Family, Courtney Miller, MD, and Anthony Miller.

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