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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 ALEXANDER
AURRICHIO

Introduced By: Representative Katherine S. Kazarian

Date Introduced: June 17, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the untimely passing
2 of Alexander Aurrichio, the cherished son of Lou and Jill Aurrichio, and the beloved brother of
3 Michael, Chris, John, and Jillian; and

4 WHEREAS, Alex was born an extraordinarily large baby, giving him the early moniker
5 of “Alex the Great.” It was a nickname he would live up to throughout his life; and

6 WHEREAS, During his school years at Half Hollow Hills West High School, Alex chose
7 to play three sports, soccer, basketball, and baseball, and excelled at each of them. He was an
8 All-American in soccer, a Newsday All-Long Island baseball selection, earned Suffolk’s Gold
9 Glove Award, and the Butch Dellecave Award, which is given to Suffolk’s top scholar-athlete,
10 and these were just a few of his many athletic accomplishments; and

11 WHEREAS, Doubly blessed, Alex was also an outstanding student, earning entrance into
12 Columbia University where he maintained a 3.7 GPA while starting on the men’s soccer and
13 baseball teams where he was a two-time All-Ivy League selection, including a first-team honoree
14 as a sophomore; and

15 WHEREAS, Alex grew up in Dix Hills, which is a Hamlet in Long Island, New York.
16 After graduating from Columbia, he moved halfway around the globe to Australia in 2014, with
17 the dream of pursuing a career in the Australian Football League; and

18 WHEREAS, Fondly called “Rooch” by his teammates and Aussie friends, Alex
19 represented numerous clubs across Australia and had most recently played for the Waratah

1 Football Club in the Northern Territory Football League (NTFL), where he quickly became a fan
2 favorite; and

3 WHEREAS, The athletic achievements and titles that Alex had accumulated throughout
4 his lifetime do not fully pay homage to the man that he was. Accolades from those who knew
5 him paint a more vivid and heartwarming picture of a wonderful, endearing, and fearless person
6 who “got the most out of every day and the most out of everyone,” was “fearless and pushed the
7 limits” and had a “personality and smile that were even larger than he was”; and

8 WHEREAS, Alex’s life was a celebration that ended far too soon, but he will always be
9 remembered for living his life to the fullest. He was dearly loved and admired, and he will
10 remain in the hearts of all who shared in his glorious adventure; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
12 Providence Plantations hereby extends its deepest sympathies on the passing of Alexander
13 Aurrichio; 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 Lou and Jill Aurrichio and Family.

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