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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE CARDI FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF
NICHOLAS CARDI, JR.**

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: January 15, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Nicholas Cardi, Jr., a renowned businessman, and well-known Co-owner,
2 together with his brothers Ron and Pete, of Cardi's Furniture & Mattresses, the Rhode Island
3 Design Center, and Ashley HomeStores, passed away at home after a more than four year brave
4 and courageous fight with brain cancer; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cardi grew up in Cranston, attended the Community College of Rhode
6 Island and graduated from the University of Tennessee, and was a distinguished veteran of the
7 United States Army Reserve; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cardi, together with his brothers Ron and Pete, utilized their collective
9 energy and innovative thinking to make Cardi's Furniture and Mattresses arguably the most
10 successful, respected and renowned business in Rhode Island and Southern New England. Their
11 commercials became famous for their gentle and amusing humor and their family-oriented sales
12 approach; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Cardi was particularly good at sourcing goods, teaching the philosophy
14 of customer-centric sales and customer service, and in his roles as a sales trainer and leader. More
15 importantly, he was someone who cared deeply about others and the wider community. He
16 worked tirelessly in support of numerous charities, and educational and nonprofit organizations in
17 Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and across the nation and globe, including the
18 Meeting Street School, the Ronald McDonald House, AIDS Project RI, the Little Flower Home,
19 and the Alzheimer's Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr Cardi leaves behind his wife, Julia, son, Nicholas Cardi III, mother,
2 Marion Cardi, and brothers, Ron Cardi and his wife, Maria, and Pete Cardi and his wife, Diana.
3 He also leaves behind brother-in-law, Arthur Zompa, Sr., nieces Victoria Cardi, Isabella Cardi,
4 Rachel Cardi, Lisa Zompa Dupuis and husband, Dennis, nephew Michael Cardi, and grand-
5 nephew Garrett Dupuis. Mr. Cardi was predeceased by his father, Nicholas Cardi, Sr., his sister,
6 Sandra Zompa and nephew, Arthur Zompa Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr Cardi was a devoted family man. In his free time, he enjoyed travelling,
8 and spending time at Rhode Island beaches with his family and many friends; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
10 hereby expresses its condolences to the Cardi Family on the passing of Nicholas Cardi, Jr; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Julia Cardi and Family.

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