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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAUL J. SHANLEY

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, McKenney, Goodwin, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: February 12, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Paul J.  
2 Shanley, the devoted husband of twenty-nine years to his best friend, Patti, and the beloved father  
3 of our friend and colleague, the Honorable Evan Shanley and his wife, Meredith, Christopher  
4 Lawrence, Sean Lawrence, Meaghan Shanley, and the late Tyler Shanley, who died in infancy.  
5 He was also the very proud and cherished “Dah Pa” of Maxwell Tyler; and

6           WHEREAS, Paul Shanley was the son of the late Joseph and Elaine Shanley, the brother  
7 of his fraternal twin, Rev. Brian Shanley, O.P., Andrew Shanley and his wife, Karen, Michael  
8 Shanley and his partner, Lisa Tingué, his favorite sister, Kathryn and her husband, Jimmy, and  
9 the big-hearted uncle of many nieces and nephews; and

10           WHEREAS, A graduate of Roger Williams University, where he earned his Bachelor's  
11 degree in criminal justice, and a Master of Public Administration, Mr. Shanley had spent most of  
12 his career in law enforcement, retiring as a Captain in the Warwick Police Department after  
13 twenty-six years of service to his community. During his tenure with the Department, he had  
14 completed myriad additional training opportunities and certifications, including a dignitary  
15 protection training session with the United States Secret Service, and had been awarded the First  
16 Class Medal and Ribbon for professionalism; and

17           WHEREAS, Upon his retirement from the Warwick Police Department, Mr. Shanley  
18 became the Deputy Chief of Police at Brown University's Department of Public Safety, a position  
19 he held until his passing; and

20           WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Shanley was an avid golfer and long-time member

1 of Potowomut Golf Club. He had also been a practitioner of Jiu Jitsu for many years and had  
2 attained the rank of Godan (fifth-degree black belt) from the Kyudan Federation, and was an  
3 active member of St. Gregory the Great parish in Warwick, serving as a Eucharistic Minister,  
4 President of the Parish Council, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a baseball and  
5 softball coach; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Shanley had fought a courageous eight-month battle against a rare form  
7 of bone cancer with the loving care of his brother Michael and brother-in-law William Monahan,  
8 and with the extraordinary medical care of the sarcoma team at Mass General Hospital. His  
9 humor and joy for life will always be remembered and dearly missed by those who had the good  
10 fortune to have shared his life; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
12 hereby extends deepest condolences on the passing of Paul J. Shanley; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Patti Shanley and Family, Mr. Michael  
15 Shanley, the Honorable Evan Shanley, Christopher Lawrence, Sean Lawrence, Meaghan Shanley,  
16 Mr. William Monahan, Andrew Shanley, Kathy Shanley, and Brian Shanley.

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