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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF PAUL V. PALANGE

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Casey, S Lima, Felix,
Kazarian, Tobon, Amore, and Messier

Date Introduced: April 07, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Paul V.
2 Palange, beloved husband of his wife, Andria, devoted father of his daughter, Olivia and his
3 stepson, Jonathan Barry, and a well-respected newspaper journalist and publisher; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Palange was a graduate of Syracuse University, where he majored in
5 magazine journalism and sociology before commencing his nascent career at a community
6 newspaper in Hudson, Massachusetts; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1978, Mr. Palange joined the staff of The Call of Woonsocket where he
8 worked as a correspondent for a year, and was subsequently promoted to a full-time staff writer
9 position, covering news in the City of Woonsocket and the surrounding suburbs including
10 Mendon, Blackstone, Northbridge and Uxbridge; and

11 WHEREAS, Locally, Mr. Palange was employed as the managing editor of the Times in
12 the 1990s until becoming the paper's publisher from 1999 to 2004. From 2004 until 2014, he
13 owned and published the lifestyle magazine "Senior Digest" until returning to the Times in 2014,
14 serving as General Manager and Director of Advertising until 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Palange had served as Executive Editor of the Norristown
16 Times-Herald in Pennsylvania, as Executive Editor of the Fall River Herald News, as an Account
17 Executive at Cumulus, and most recently, had been employed as the Director of Development for
18 the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, where his many community contacts, experience, and
19 tremendous work ethic were invaluable to expanding the Council's abilities and reach; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Palange was described by friends as "a natural leader" and "just a great

1 guy to have fun with." He often joined in to help on many area projects and was active with
2 numerous Blackstone Valley and Pawtucket-area civic organizations including the Pawtucket
3 Corps of the Salvation Army and Pawtucket Hall of Fame Committee, and was an avid PawSox
4 fan; and

5 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Mr. Palange left the City of Pawtucket, the
6 Blackstone Valley, and this State more informed, enriched, and enlightened by his life's
7 endeavors. His integrity and common sense enriched the lives of all who knew him and set a
8 standard for journalistic excellence that is an inspiration to us all; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
10 expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Paul V. Palange; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Andria Palange and Family.

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