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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAUL A. ROBERT

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Shallcross Smith,  
Hull, Filippi, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Vella-Wilkinson, and Phillips  
Date Introduced: June 29, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Paul A.  
2 Robert, a venerated member of the "Greatest Generation", and the loving husband for fifty years  
3 to the late Eleonore Robert. He was the cherished father of the late Richard Robert, Sr., father-in-  
4 law of Kathleen Robert, the proud and doting grandfather of Kimberly Reilly and her husband,  
5 Michael, and Richard Robert, Jr. and his wife, Michelle, and also blessed with beautiful great-  
6 grandchildren, Madison, Caden, Raeghan, Brennan, Connor and Ashton; and

7 WHEREAS, Born and raised in the City of Woonsocket, Paul Robert was a son of the  
8 late Romeo and Esperance Robert, and the brother of the late Pauline Brualt and Carmen  
9 Rondeau. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and their families; and

10 WHEREAS, Following his graduation from Woonsocket High School, Mr. Robert  
11 enlisted in the United States Army. He served in the Army Air Corps as a radio operator, in  
12 England, France, Germany and the rest of what was termed the European Theatre of Operations,  
13 and also across the Middle East and the coastlines of the China-Burma-India Theater. He was one  
14 of a select few who served on both fronts during World War II; and

15 WHEREAS, For his valor and service, Mr. Robert was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific  
16 Theatre Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, the Air Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the  
17 European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Campaign Ribbon with 2 Bronze Stars, and the  
18 Distinguished Flying Cross, of which he was particularly proud; and

19 WHEREAS, Upon his honorable discharge, Mr. Robert returned to Woonsocket and his  
20 education, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Northeastern University. He made

1 his home in the Town of Cumberland and for over thirty-four years, was employed by the State of  
2 Rhode Island Division of Public Utilities as an accountant, retiring in 1986; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert was a faithful communicant of St. Joan of Arc Parish and  
4 enjoyed spending his spare time reading, and landscaping and gardening around his yard. His  
5 loving ministrations resulted in a lovely home that "looked like it was right out of Home and  
6 Garden Magazine"; and

7 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father and cherished grandfather and great-grandfather,  
8 Paul Robert lived and embraced a long and happy life, and his spirit and service to our country  
9 will long be remembered; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
11 extends deepest condolences on the passing of Paul Robert; and be 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 Kathleen Robert, Kimberly and Michael Reilly,  
14 and Richard and Michelle Robert, Jr.

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