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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF RETIRED PROVIDENCE  
POLICE DETECTIVE STEPHEN J. SPRINGER

Introduced By: Senators Coyne, McCaffrey, Ruggerio, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: April 08, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Stephen  
2 J. Springer, the devoted husband of Virginia McGinn, and the brother of Nancy Ellen Russen and  
3 her husband, Herbert, Phyllis Ventura and her husband, David, and the late Harold "Buddy"  
4 Springer; and

5           WHEREAS, A Providence native, Mr. Springer had also been a resident of Chepachet,  
6 and over the past ten years, had made his home in the Town of Barrington; and

7           WHEREAS, For thirty-five years, Mr. Springer served and protected the residents of the  
8 City of Providence within the City's Police Department, retiring at the rank of Detective. Upon  
9 his retirement, he worked as an inspector in the Rhode Island office of the Attorney General from  
10 2004 to 2017; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Springer's dedication and service to the community and his profession  
12 earned him the Medal of Valor in 1984, the Rhode Island Justice Assistance "Neil Houston  
13 Award" in 2001, and induction into the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame in 2018; and

14           WHEREAS, Admired and revered, Mr. Springer earned numerous accolades from his  
15 "Brothers in Blue" including, "an unstoppable investigator, a true professional, a great detective,  
16 and just a tenacious investigator"; and

17           WHEREAS, In addition to his family and police work, Mr. Springer was described as a  
18 "renaissance man" who enjoyed woodworking, restoring bicycles, and telling "decades-old stories  
19 rich in detail"; and

1           WHEREAS, Detective Springer faced many challenges over the course of his career and  
2 there is no doubt that he has left this world a far safer and better place because of his life's  
3 endeavors. He will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes and honors  
5 the dedicated service of Retired Detective Stephen Springer and extends our deepest sympathies  
6 to his entire family on his passing; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized an directed to  
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Virginia McGinn.

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