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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE REV. DR. MURRAY  
SCOTT BLACKADAR

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Ajello, Filippi, Kennedy,  
Bennett, Fogarty, C Lima, Serpa, and Casey

Date Introduced: January 11, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of the Reverend  
2 Doctor Murray Scott Blackadar, husband of sixty-two years to his beloved wife and partner,  
3 Judith Vixseboxse Blackadar, devoted father of Andy Blackadar and his wife, Laura Sadovnikoff,  
4 Lisa Blackadar and her husband , Stephen Byars, and Jay Blackadar, and the very proud and  
5 doting grandfather of Adrian Blackadar, Natasha Blackadar (Viktor Gavriellov), Grace Byars,  
6 Niall Blackadar, and Benjamin Byars; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Lowell, Massachusetts, Murray Blackadar was the son of the late  
8 Roland and Frances Blackadar and the brother of Marjorie Elizabeth Belanger. In his teens, he  
9 knew that becoming a Presbyterian minister was his calling. In preparation for his future service,  
10 he attended the College of Wooster and McCormick Theological Seminary, and became a  
11 minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA); and

12 WHEREAS, From 1961 through 1998, Reverend Blackadar served a number of  
13 congregations and churches across the United States including, the First Presbyterian Church in  
14 Lynn, Massachusetts, the First Presbyterian Church in Levittown, New York, the First  
15 Presbyterian Church in Stirling, New Jersey, and the Church of our Savior in West Bloomfield,  
16 Michigan; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Reverend Blackadar was devoted to the community  
18 and "worked tirelessly and steadily for social justice and dignity for all people"; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1999, the Reverend retired and relocated to Providence where he

1 continued his involvement in numerous altruistic endeavors including the Rhode Island  
2 Organizing Project and advocating and assisting refugee families in assimilating to their new  
3 lives; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to his family and devotion to God and his fellow man, Reverend  
5 Blackadar expressed his creativity designing and making rugs in his home, restoring furniture,  
6 and growing beautiful roses. He loved to help family with various house projects, and enjoyed  
7 traveling adventures with friends and his family; and

8 WHEREAS, The Reverend Blackadar was blessed with a family whom he adored and  
9 who returned his love tenfold and a calling that brought him joy and satisfaction, and truly made a  
10 positive difference in many people's lives; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
12 extends deepest sympathy on the passing of the Reverend Doctor Murray Scott Blackadar; and be  
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Judith Vixseboxse Blackadar and Family.

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