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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 ANDREW DAVID
DICKSON

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Serpa, Chippendale, Roberts, Shekarchi,
Blazejewski, P Morgan, Shallcross Smith, Solomon, and O'Brien

Date Introduced: January 18, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Andrew David Dickson was the son of the late Warren Dickson and
2 Rosemond Dickson. He attained a Bachelor of Education degree from Rhode Island College and
3 a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Dickson began his distinguished teaching career at Cranston High
5 School West as a science teacher. This is where he met his future wife, Ann Marie, as she was
6 also a first year teacher at Cranston High School West. The following year, seeking some
7 adventure in life, Mr. Dickson left for Kenya where he was a mathematics and physics teacher in
8 Kisii, Kenya, a British run boarding school. He was so popular, some of his students changed
9 their first names to his. His adventure in Africa was one of the high points in his life where, in
10 addition to teaching, he also maintained the school generator, climbed Mt. Kenya and Mt.
11 Kilimanjaro, and explored the bush country; and

12 WHEREAS, Upon returning from Africa, Mr. Dickson began a 42 year civilian career
13 with the United States Navy as a teacher in the Quonset Apprenticeship Program and later, after
14 numerous promotions, as Director of Labor and Employee Relations at a regional office located
15 at the Naval Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut, where he earned high grades for
16 being a “numbers guy” who had a plethora of knowledge to share and brought out the best in his
17 employees; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dickson was a devoted family man who enjoyed coaching his son’s
19 youth soccer teams and helping him to run his business, assisting his daughter with her

1 homework, and later taking joy in listening to her many stories as a music teacher. He was a
2 devoted husband to his wife, Ann Marie, and together they travelled the world. He also helped
3 her campaign for public office, and helped her deliver Meals on Wheels on the day before
4 Thanksgiving; and

5 WHEREAS, In his free time, Mr. Dickson loved to sing and spend time outdoors. He was
6 a communicant and member of the church choir of St. Francis de Sales, in North Kingstown, for
7 more than forty years. He was also a member of the Rhode Island Fish and Game Protective
8 Association in West Greenwich, and served as their Secretary, Membership Chair, and Newsletter
9 Chair from 2000 to 2020; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Dickson leaves behind his wife of 56 years, Ann Marie, and his children
11 Laurel Schwartz and Matthew Dickson. He is also survived by his son-in-law Steve Schwartz,
12 daughter-in-law Allison Dickson, and his grandchildren Andrew, Graham, and Jared Dickson,
13 and Amy Picard and Ella Schwartz; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
15 expresses its deepest condolences to the Dickson Family on the passing of Mr. Andrew David
16 Dickson; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Anne Marie Dickson and Family.

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