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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 KENNETH ALLEN
MAXWELL

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Blazejewski, Serpa, Tanzi, Fogarty, J Lombardi,
and Bennett

Date Introduced: March 22, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deepest sympathy that this House has learned of the passing of
2 Kenneth Allen Maxwell, beloved husband of Arlene Tunney, father of Allen Maxwell and his
3 wife, Cathy, and Wendy Koke and her husband, John, and the very proud grandfather of Ben
4 Nelson, Kenneth Daniel Maxwell, Caitlin Hoffman, Rebecca Koke, Ben Koke, Mary Koke
5 Caillo, Andrew Koke, and Hannah Koke; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Maxwell was the son of Albert and Mary Rife
7 Maxwell. He grew up in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Tufts on an NROTC
8 scholarship. Upon graduation, he served in the United States Navy, where he flew helicopters and
9 was a search and rescue pilot. In addition, he was a flight instructor in Pensacola, and spent a
10 year in Iceland searching for Russian submarines as an ASW pilot, and received a Sikorsky "S"
11 for rescuing scientists from the newly emerged Surtsey volcano in Iceland; and

12 WHEREAS, Upon receiving an employment offer from American Airlines, Mr. Maxwell
13 retired at the rank of Commander, and became a Naval Reservist, serving for a time as the base
14 Commander at Lakehurst Naval Air Station. For nineteen years, he flew for American,
15 eventually retiring in order to spend more time with his family and enjoying life; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Maxwell and his wife were avid sailors who won many sailing awards
17 on their yacht the Last Drop. He also served as Chair of the Killingworth, Connecticut Inland
18 Wetlands Commission and was fundraising Chair for the construction of the Killingworth
19 Library, raising an amazing \$1 million. In addition, he loved to garden, and sold his excess

1 produce to benefit the Mary D. Fund; and

2 WHEREAS, Ken Maxwell was an accomplished man who served this country with honor
3 and was blessed with a large and loving family, an exciting career, and wonderful adventures
4 during his retirement years. He was cherished and admired and will be deeply missed by all who
5 knew him; now, therefore be

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
7 expresses its condolences on the passing of Kenneth Allen Maxwell; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Arlene Tunney and Family.

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