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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE
JOSEPH A. DELORENZO, JR.

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Corvese, Azzinaro, McNamara,
J. Brien, Hull, Ajello, Kennedy, and J. Lombardi

Date Introduced: January 17, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Joseph
2 DeLorenzo, Jr., the beloved husband of Mary DeLorenzo for fifty-eight years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. DeLorenzo was a hard-working man who strived daily to provide for
4 his family and loved ones. He was a successful businessman who was the founder and CEO of the
5 Ocean State Rental Corporation, and later added Mobile Stages Northeast to his business
6 enterprise. Through the years, he was able to travel the country and stage many popular events
7 from college commencements to an Aerosmith concert, as well as important Rhode Island events
8 like the Newport Jazz Festival; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. DeLorenzo was a public servant with a long and distinguished record of
10 honorable service who always put the “average, hard-working Rhode Islander” first on his
11 priority list. He served the citizens of Cranston for twenty-five years where he became the Vice-
12 Chairman of the Finance Committee and was known for his vigilant protection of the public
13 interest and for asking pointed questions at Committee hearings in his quest for the truth; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. DeLorenzo was later elected to the Cranston City Council, where he
15 served as President. He was also the Deputy Secretary of State, served on the Democratic State
16 Committee for 47 years, and for many years, as the Chairman of the Cranston City Committee;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. DeLorenzo served on numerous civic commissions and committees
19 including, the Rhode Island Lottery Commission, the Rhode Island Investment Commission, the

1 Rhode Island Convention Center Authority, and the Cranston Board of Canvassers; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. DeLorenzo was a passionate sports enthusiast, who loved coaching
3 CLCF Little League and Edgewood Hockey, and thoroughly enjoyed watching and following his
4 beloved Boston Red Sox as well as the New England Patriots, Boston Celtics and Providence
5 Friars basketball. He also immensely enjoyed big family parties and dining at Twin Oaks; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife Mary, Mr. DeLorenzo leaves behind his children,
7 Lisa Scotti and her husband, Gerard, Joseph DeLorenzo III, and Christine DeLorenzo and her
8 husband, Charles Bridges. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Elizabeth, Ashley and
9 Nicholas Scotti, his siblings, Catherine Hogan and Dolores D'Agostino, his nephews and many
10 friends; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of the Honorable Joseph A. DeLorenzo, Jr.; and
13 be 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. Mary DeLorenzo and Family.

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