

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN V. GIBBONS, JR.

Introduced By: Representatives Ackerman, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Voas,
Marszalkowski, Chippendale, Solomon, McNamara, Fellela, and Tanzi
Date Introduced: June 13, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of John V.
2 Gibbons, Jr., of Cumberland, the beloved husband of Amy Gibbons; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbons was born in Woonsocket, son of the late John Gibbons, Sr.,
4 and the late Helene Gibbons. He was a graduate of Mount Saint Charles Academy and the
5 University of New Haven, where he attained a Bachelor's degree in Tourism & Hospitality
6 Management; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbons began his distinguished hospitality career in 1998, when he
8 accepted a position as the Director of Tourism with the City of Fall River, serving the Mayor as
9 an advisor on issues related to tourism and special events. In 2002, he accepted a position as the
10 Director of Sales & Marketing with the Worcester County Convention & Visitors Bureau where
11 he promoted special events for the 59 cities and towns within Worcester County; and

12 WHEREAS, In late 2006, Mr. Gibbons was appointed as the Director of National
13 Accounts for the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau, (CVB) where his
14 responsibilities and duties included directing the sports market for the CVB and assisting with the
15 planning of important sports events in the Greater Providence region; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbons ascended to the position of Executive Director of the Rhode
17 Island Sports Commission in late 2010, and earned wide praise for his work in promoting the
18 State of Rhode Island as a premier sports destination in both New England and the nation. Thanks
19 to his tireless work ethic and passion for all things sports and Rhode Island, and his willingness to
20 travel across the nation promoting Rhode Island, Mr. Gibbons was able to bring millions of

1 dollars into the State of Rhode Island's economy, helping to bring important athletic events such
2 as the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, Ice Hockey, Division III Wrestling and Lacrosse
3 Tournaments to our State; and

4 WHEREAS, In recognition of all he has done to support and expand the hospitality
5 industry in Rhode Island, Mr. Gibbons was awarded the 2022 Community Hospitality
6 Ambassador of the Year Award from the Rhode Island Hospitality Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Gibbons also served the citizens of Cumberland with integrity and
8 distinction as a two-time member of the Cumberland School Committee. He also served as the
9 Vice-Chairman of the Maplewood Farms Condominium Association; and

10 WHEREAS, First and foremost in Mr. Gibbons' life was always his family. He was a
11 devoted husband, father, grandfather and sibling; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Amy, Mr. Gibbons leaves behind his children, Erin
13 Wood and her husband, Austen, Chelsea Gibbons, and Sean Gibbons and his wife, Spencer, and
14 his grandchildren, Cole, Logan, Lucas, Sydney, Eloise, Simon and Howard. He is also survived
15 by his sister, Maureen McCabe, and his five nieces and nephews, relatives, and many friends;
16 now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 expresses its condolences on the passing of John V. Gibbons, Jr.; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Amy Gibbons and Family.

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