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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RALPH P. FARGNOLI, SR.

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Hull, Corvese, Azzinaro,
Chippendale, Kennedy, Fogarty, Kislak, and Serpa
Date Introduced: January 21, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Mr.
2 Ralph P. Fagnoli, Sr., the devoted husband of Phyllis A. Fagnoli for 70 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Fagnoli was born in Providence, a son of Joseph Fagnoli and Maria
4 Fagnoli. Mr. Fagnoli was a patriot who deeply loved his country. He served our nation with
5 distinction as a member of the United States Army during the Korean War era. He achieved the
6 rank of Sergeant and served with the prestigious 3rd Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard", which
7 was stationed in Washington, D.C. He also served in the 152nd Air National Guard for two years;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Ralph Fagnoli was also a hard-working family man who strove daily to
10 provide for his loved ones. Mr. Fagnoli was a devoted public servant who worked for the United
11 States Post Office and provided exemplary service to the American public for 32 years, serving
12 the latter two years in management positions at the divisional and regional levels; and

13 WHEREAS, Ralph Fagnoli also served the Rhode Island public and the Rhode Island
14 House of Representatives with distinction as a doorkeeper from 1994 to 2016, and is well-
15 remembered by all he served with for his excellent service, his warmth and compassion for
16 everyone he interacted with, and his wonderful sense of humor. He brought a smile to the faces of
17 all who interacted with him; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife Phyllis, Ralph Fagnoli leaves behind his children,
19 Joseph P. Fagnoli, Sr., and his wife, Patricia, Ralph P. Fagnoli, Jr., and his wife, Judith, and
20 Mary Elizabeth Leone and her husband, Marc. Mr. Fagnoli also leaves behind his ten

1 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
3 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Ralph P. Fagnoli, Sr., and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Phyllis A. Fagnoli and Family.

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