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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WARREN D. COLE

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
Ackerman, Solomon, Fogarty, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, and Ajello
Date Introduced: January 23, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deepest condolences that this House of Representatives has
2 learned of the passing of Warren D. Cole. Mr. Cole was the beloved husband of the late Barbara
3 A. Cole and the fiancé of Lori Brierly; and

4 WHEREAS, Warren was born in Providence, a son of the late H. Warren and Margaret
5 Cole. Mr. Cole was a hard-working man who strove daily to provide for his family and loved
6 ones. He worked as a rigger for General Dynamics Electric Boat, Quonset, for Offshore Oil Rig
7 Western Oceanic Shell Oil, and for General Dynamics Electric Boat, Groton; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Cole was a member of the RI Greyhound Owner's Association-Twin
9 Rivers, the Pawtuxet Athletic Club, and the East Greenwich Fireman's Association. He also won
10 the 1990 Topsfield Fair Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off with "Big Wally" weighing 920 pounds, an
11 achievement he was very proud of accomplishing; and

12 WHEREAS, Warren Cole was a man of deep faith and was an active member of the
13 Asbury United Methodist Church in Warwick. Mr. Cole was a member of the United States Army
14 and served our nation with honor and distinction He also often played "Taps" on the trumpet
15 honoring the veterans being buried at the RI Veterans Cemetery; and

16 WHEREAS, Warren Cole leaves behind his sister, Nancy Marion, his niece Kate Andrew
17 and his nephew Eric Brown. Mr. Cole is also survived by his stepdaughter, Anastacia Conti, three
18 step-grandsons, John and Ron Wright, and Steve Dobson, and one step-great granddaughter Eliza
19 Conti; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby

1 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Warren D. Cole; and be it further
2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized to transmit duly
3 certified copies of this resolution to Lori Brierly and Nancy Marion.

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