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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RONALD D.
NEWMAN

Introduced By: Representatives Cotter, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy,
Ajello, Tanzi, Boylan, McNamara, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: April 03, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deepest condolences that this House has learned of the passing of
2 Ronald D. Newman, a resident of Richmond, Rhode Island, for 64 years. Mr. Newman was the
3 beloved husband of Cathleen Newman for nine years; and

4 WHEREAS, Ronald Newman, known to his friends as "Ronnie", was born in Providence,
5 a son of the late Senek and Judith Newman. Mr. Newman graduated from Chariho High School
6 and the University of Rhode Island, where he attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in
7 Communications; and

8 WHEREAS, Ronald Newman had a long and distinguished career as a Marketing
9 Specialist and Inspector for the Rhode Island Department of Agriculture for 29 years, retiring in
10 2024. Thanks to his leadership, guidance and tireless work ethic, Mr. Newman played a
11 significant role in bringing Rhody Fresh products to the markets. He was also a fervent supporter
12 of Farmers Markets. Mr. Newman was also responsible for assisting Rhode Island taxpayers in
13 obtaining farmland designations to preserve open space; and

14 WHEREAS, Ronald Newman, a Democrat, served with distinction and abiding integrity
15 as a member of the Richmond Town Council, serving several terms in the 90's, where he served
16 as the Council President following the 1994 election, and as the Council Vice President following
17 the 1996 election. He later returned to the Richmond Town Council, winning elections in 2014
18 and 2016. As a member of the Council, Mr. Newman prided himself for always being fair and
19 impartial, and was admired for his willingness to reach across the aisle to find common ground in

1 order to meet the needs of his constituents and to find solutions that served both sides of an issue
2 and the larger community in a meaningful way. Mr. Newman consistently urged his fellow
3 council members to put aside their political differences and work together for the betterment of
4 the Town of Richmond; and

5 WHEREAS, Ronald Newman was a wise and compassionate man who was devoted to
6 public service. He worked tirelessly to make Rhode Island a healthier and more vibrant place in
7 which to live, work, and raise families. Known for his great sense of humor, he believed laughter
8 was the best medicine and made it his mission to brighten the lives of those around him, often
9 through friendly banter and lighthearted conversations; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Cathleen he leaves behind his siblings Sharon
11 Newman-Roberts, and her husband, Bert, Stephen Newman, and Magistrate Edward Newman,
12 and his wife, Diane. Ronald Newman was also the devoted uncle of Shauna Major, and her
13 husband Steve, Shana Newman and Rachel Newman, and he was the great-uncle of Olivia, Chase
14 and Sydney. Mr. Newman was also the devoted "dog father" of Madison; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
16 expresses its deepest condolences to the Newman Family on the passing of the Honorable Ronald
17 D. Newman; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Cathleen Newman and Family.

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