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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DAVID E. POTTS

Introduced By: Senator Valarie J. Lawson

Date Introduced: February 03, 2025

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate of the State of Rhode Island has  
2 learned of the passing of David E. Potts. He was the devoted husband of Cheryl A. Potts for 55  
3 years; and

4           WHEREAS, David E. Potts was born in Providence, a son of the late Robert and Ethel  
5 Potts. Mr. Potts graduated from East Providence High School and served our nation with honor  
6 and distinction as a member of the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 during the Vietnam  
7 War; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Potts was a hard-working man who strove tirelessly every day to  
9 provide for his family and loved ones. His successful and varied business career included  
10 working for Sysco in a sales position for 25 years, in restaurant management for Lee Zachary's in  
11 Vermont, serving as a Deli Associate at Dave's Marketplace in Cumberland and was the owner of  
12 Chipman's Corner Deli; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Potts was a devoted family man who easily made friends everywhere he  
14 went thanks to his cheerful personality, great sense of humor and the caring and compassionate  
15 demeanor he exhibited with everyone he met. In his free time, Mr. Potts was an avid and skillful  
16 pool player and was a long-time member of the "Old School Rules" pool league at East  
17 Providence Lanes; and

18           WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Cheryl, Mr. Potts leaves behind his children, David  
19 E. Potts, Jr., and his wife, Angela, Stacy E. Potts, and her husband, Jeff Baker, Kaitlyn S. Potts  
20 and her fiancé David Johnson, and his grandchildren, David E. Potts, III, Paul H. Potts, Maureen

1 A. Whitney, James Max Whitney, Morgan B. Whitney, Madison E. Whitney, Andie K. Baker,  
2 and Benjamin J. Baker. Mr. Potts also leaves behind his brother, Robert A. Potts, and his wife,  
3 Eunice, his sister Barbara A. Guzulaitis, and his brother-in-law Charles D. Moreira. Mr. Potts also  
4 leaves behind several nieces, nephews and numerous close friends. Mr. Potts was predeceased by  
5 his parents, mother-in-law Elsie Moreira, his grandson, Alexander C. Baker, his siblings Nancy  
6 M. Daveau and John F. Potts, nephews Andrew G. Guzulaitis and Roger J. Daveau, and niece  
7 Susan E. Potts; now, therefore be it

8           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest  
9 condolences to the Potts Family on the passing of David E. Potts; and be it further

10           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Cheryl A. Potts and Family.

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