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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAUL J. FOX, JR.

Introduced By: Senators LaMountain, McKenney, Appollonio, and Euer

Date Introduced: May 23, 2025

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Paul J.  
2 Fox, Jr., of Cranston. He was the beloved husband of Wendy Fox for 49 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Paul J. Fox, Jr., known to many as “PJ”, was the son of the late Paul J. and  
4 Marian E. Fox. He was a graduate of Our Lady of Providence and Providence College. Mr. Fox  
5 was a hard-working man who had a long and distinguished professional career. His first position  
6 was with his father, Paul J. Fox, Sr., with the family business, the PJ Fox Paper Company. Mr.  
7 Fox eventually rose to the position of company President and later in his career, he worked in the  
8 insurance industry and finally at the Internal Revenue Service; and

9 WHEREAS, Paul J. Fox, Jr., was a member of numerous professional, civic, and  
10 religious organizations, including the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Sons of Irish Kings. He  
11 served with distinction as a former Commissioner of the Cranston Redevelopment Agency, and  
12 also served as a member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Providence and was the first  
13 President of the Board of the Genesis Center in Providence. He also received the Paul Harris  
14 Award from the Rotary International. Mr. Fox was a lifelong communicant of St. Paul Church;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Paul J. Fox first met the love of his life, Wendy Baltzer, when they were  
17 fellow students at ES Rhodes Elementary School. They met again nearly two decades later, and  
18 embarked on a wonderful and loving marriage for almost five decades that included raising their  
19 five children in the Edgewood Neighborhood of Cranston; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Wendy, Paul J. Fox, Jr., leaves behind his children

1 Joy, PJ III, Molly, Tim, and his wife, Ami, and Hannah. Mr. Fox was the doting grandfather of  
2 Luke, Lennon, Madeline, and Declan. Mr. Fox is also survived by his siblings, Mary Simas, and  
3 her husband, Paul, Cathy Fox, Kevin Fox and his wife, Mary, Mike Fox and his wife, Ginny,  
4 Annie Stringfellow and her husband, Jon, John Fox and his wife, Kathy, Bridget Bugbee and her  
5 husband, Kevin, Ginny Byrnes and her husband, Brian, Joe Fox and his wife, Debbie, and  
6 brother-in-law Carl Hjerpe. Mr. Fox was predeceased by his brother Jimmy Fox and sister Susie  
7 Hjerpe. Mr. Fox also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews; now,  
8 therefore be it

9           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest  
10 condolences on the passing of Mr. Paul J. Fox, Jr.; and be it further

11           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Wendy Fox and the Fox Family.

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