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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023**

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

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DENNIS JOSEPH TENTE**

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Tanzi,  
Handy, McEntee, Knight, Cortvriend, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: February 07, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Dennis  
2 Joseph Tente, a beloved husband, father, brother, and good friend of many folks; and

3           WHEREAS, Mr. Tente was born in Pawtucket, the son of Palmeda and Antonio Tente.  
4 Growing up, he always had fond memories of playing baseball at El Gasco Field. He attended St.  
5 Raphael Academy and earned a full ROTC scholarship to attend the University of Nebraska,  
6 where he graduated with a Business degree. After graduation, he served our nation with honor  
7 and integrity as a member of the United States Navy, where he cruised to ports across the globe  
8 and took part in an attempt to intercept a Russian Submarine near the Arctic Circle, and earned  
9 his Blue Nose Certificate as a result. He retired from the United States Navy Reserves with the  
10 rank of Captain; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Tente later attended the University of Nebraska Law School, and  
12 eventually moved back to Rhode Island, where he met the love of his life, Jo-Ann Dolan. They  
13 married two years later and together raised three children; and

14           WHEREAS, After practicing law as an Associate, Mr. Tente opened his own law practice  
15 in 1980, with his longtime partner, Mr. John Colletti joining a year later, where they had a  
16 thriving law practice for many years; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Tente was a lifelong sports enthusiast, who particularly loved the New  
18 England Patriots and, as a season ticket holder, enjoyed attending football games in Foxborough  
19 with his wife, children and friends. Most importantly, he was a devoted husband, father, son and  
20 brother who always put his family first in his life; and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Jo-Ann, Mr. Tente leaves behind his children, Jillian,  
2 Matthew and Jeffrey and their spouses, Michael Smith, Jenna Doolittle and Kaitlin Tente, and his  
3 grandchildren, Landon and Reagan Smith. He is also survived by his sister, Irene, along with  
4 members of the Daniels, Smith, and Dolan families; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
6 expresses its deepest sympathies to the Tente Family on the passing of Dennis Joseph Tente; and  
7 be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Jo-Ann Tente and Family.

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