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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FLYNN SULLIVAN

Introduced By: Representatives McEntee, Fogarty, Tanzi, Shekarchi, Blazejewski,
Craven, Shallcross Smith, Speakman, Fellela, and Donovan

Date Introduced: May 04, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Flynn Sullivan, a 2019 graduate of Narragansett High School, made an
2 enormously positive impact in the life of his loved ones and on the wider community in his all too
3 short twenty years of life. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, generosity and thoughtfulness
4 that was a joy to be around; and

5 WHEREAS, Flynn was a talented young man with a future full of promise. He excelled
6 at tennis, cross country, and track & field in high school, and was a member of the National
7 Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, and the Narragansett Surfcasters. He continued his
8 education, taking classes at the Harvard Extension School and the University of Rhode Island,
9 while in the midst of bravely fighting cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, Flynn, like most young men, had a wide array of interests and hobbies. He
11 enjoyed fishing, skiing, and hiking in the White Mountains, as well as travelling, playing golf,
12 photography, and attending Broadway shows. He especially delighted in the annual week he
13 spent on Frye Island on Sebago Lake with his extended family. He was also a food connoisseur
14 who had an incredible ability to recall almost all types of food and dining experiences. He also
15 might probably have held the record for most visits to Brickley's Ice Cream; and

16 WHEREAS, Flynn was a beloved figure in the community. He had an amazing ability to
17 form friendships with people of all ages and walks of life. Perhaps his eighth-grade teacher
18 summed up the virtuousness of his life best when she wrote to him and said "You have a way
19 about you -- thinking of others first and able to notice if someone could use a hand" and described
20 him as "a quality human being with the kind of spirit to go with it"; and

1 WHEREAS, Flynn Sullivan leaves behind his parents, James and Elizabeth Sullivan, and
2 his siblings Mary Kate Sullivan and her fiancé Ryan Elliott, and Eily Flynn Sullivan. He also
3 leaves behind his grandmother, Mary Degnan Flynn, and his aunts and uncles, Joanne Lewando,
4 Bernie and Ann Flynn, John and Chrissy Flynn, Jim and Stacey Flynn, and Bob and Michelle
5 Flynn. He was predeceased by his grandparents Leo and Barbara Sullivan and Jack Flynn; and

6 WHEREAS, To paraphrase Flynn Sullivan's family, he was a beautiful gift and they
7 cherished every moment they had with him. His indomitable spirit and the boundless love he gave
8 to his loved ones and friends will be long-remembered by all who knew him; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
10 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Flynn Sullivan; 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 James and Elizabeth Sullivan and Family.

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