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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GERALD J.  
HABERSHAW

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Solomon, Bennett, Amore,  
Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, McNamara, Filippi, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: January 06, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that we have learned of the passing of Mr. Gerald J.  
2 Habershaw. He was the devoted husband of Beth Habershaw and the beloved son of Grace and  
3 the late Robert Habershaw; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Habershaw was a 1983 graduate of Bishop Hendricken High School,  
5 where he excelled in athletics. He was a star baseball, football and basketball player and was  
6 inducted into the Bishop Hendricken Hall of Fame in 2014. Mr. Habershaw also attended  
7 Providence College where he attained his bachelor's and master's degrees in Education and  
8 played baseball; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Habershaw then proceeded to have a distinguished career in the  
10 education field where he made a positive difference in the lives of many youngsters. Mr.  
11 Habershaw began his professional career as a special education teacher at Pilgrim High School.  
12 He later served as the Assistant Principal at Aldrich Junior High School, as the Principal at  
13 Warwick Veterans Memorial High School and finally as the Principal at Pilgrim High School. In  
14 2010, Mr. Habershaw was named the "Administrator of the Year" by the Rhode Island  
15 Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Habershaw always gave back to his community and his school. He was  
17 a successful coach for many years at Pilgrim High School, Salve Regina College, and Bishop  
18 Hendricken. In his spare time he was an avid golfer and was a member of Kings Crossing in  
19 North Kingstown; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Habershaw was a charismatic and widely admired school principal who  
2 worked tirelessly to create a quality learning environment for his students. He will be long-  
3 remembered by those who knew him and will be sorely missed by his loved ones and many  
4 friends and colleagues. The President of Bishop Hendricken High School, Father Robert L.  
5 Marciano, and Principal Mr. Mark DeCiccio, released a statement in which they stated that  
6 “Gerry was a true Hendricken man, using his many talents and gifts for the service of others. He  
7 always made his Hawk family proud in his noble chosen profession of teaching, coaching and  
8 leading”. Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi also praised Mr. Habershaw with his statement that  
9 “Warwick has suffered a devastating loss. I knew Gerald Habershaw back when I was on the  
10 School Committee. He was devoted to his students and co-workers. He touched the lives of so  
11 many in this city”; and

12           WHEREAS, In addition to his wife Beth, Mr. Habershaw leaves behind his children,  
13 Jared, Christian, Zoe, and Tessa Habershaw. He also leaves behind his brothers, Robert and  
14 David Habershaw; now, therefore be it

15           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
16 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Mr. Gerald Habershaw; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Beth Habershaw.

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