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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF STEPHEN NARDELLI,
SR.

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Shanley, Craven, McEntee,
Bennett, Fogarty, Donovan, Chippendale, and Fellela

Date Introduced: January 04, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Stephen
2 Nardelli, Sr., of Wakefield, the beloved husband of Jane Headley; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Nardelli was the son of the late Dante and Genevieve Nardelli. He
4 graduated from LaSalle Academy and received a Bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode
5 Island and a Master's degree from Providence College; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Nardelli is best remembered by the Smithfield community for his many
7 years of distinguished and exemplary service as a Physical Education teacher. He inspired his
8 students to get physically active and get "moving" particularly with the "Chicken Fat" game. He
9 excelled as a coach of the hockey team and was a great friend to countless students, making a
10 positive difference in all of their lives; and

11 WHEREAS, After retiring from the Smithfield Public School Department, Mr. Nardelli
12 worked for numerous years at the Rhode Island Department of Education. He also served the
13 community as Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Charter Schools, and worked as
14 a lobbyist for Advocacy Solutions and the Sargent Center; and

15 WHEREAS, In his free time, Mr. Nardelli enjoyed spending time at the beach, dancing,
16 and playing hockey with the Rhody Oldies. He will long be remembered for his big personality,
17 infectious laugh, being someone everyone wanted to socialize with, and for the joy and laughter
18 he created at a local Steve Smith and the Naked's show by singing Mustang Sally on stage. He
19 was a devoted husband and father who always put his family first in his life; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Jane Headley, Mr. Nardelli leaves behind his
2 children, Marissa Nardelli, Stephen Nardelli Jr., and his wife, Jennifer Nardelli. He was the step
3 father Matthew and Rachel McEntee. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Stephen III, Siena
4 and Sofia Nardelli, and Jack, Ryan, Adam and Owen McEntee. He is also survived by his sister,
5 Kathleen Nardelli and brother, Dante Nardelli; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby expresses its condolences on the
7 passing of Stephen Nardelli, Sr; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby by is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Jane Headley and the Nardelli Family.

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