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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHRISTOPHER R.  
GAUTHIER**

Introduced By: Representatives Kilmartin, E Coderre, DaSilva, Shallcross Smith, and Messier

Date Introduced: January 13, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of  
2 Christopher R. Gauthier, the beloved son of Ron and Elaine Gauthier and a highly respected and  
3 widely admired member of the Pawtucket community; and

4           WHEREAS, In addition to his parents, Chris is survived by his devoted sister, Stephanie  
5 Chowning and her husband, Bryan, his nephew and niece, Nicholas and Leila Chowning, many  
6 uncles, aunts, and cousins, and many, many loyal friends; and

7           WHEREAS, At the age of eight, when most young boys are thinking of nothing more  
8 than their next baseball game, Chris was diagnosed with cancer. For some people, that diagnosis  
9 may well have limited their joy for life or their ambitions, not so for Chris. With a strength that  
10 belied his youth and the optimism of a pure heart, Chris fought his cancer the same way he lived  
11 his life, with gusto and courage; and

12           WHEREAS, Without missing a step or holding back on his goals, Chris graduated from  
13 Tolman High School, where he was President of his senior class. He continued his education at  
14 Syracuse University, earning his degree in communications, and upon graduation, took positions  
15 with the Red Sox, the PawSox, and the Pawtucket Times, and for the last fifteen years he worked  
16 at Fidelity Investments in Boston and Providence; and

17           WHEREAS, During his all too short time on this earth, Chris' spirit and dedication to his  
18 faith, his community, and others battling cancer brought him not only personal satisfaction, but  
19 also numerous accolades. He was named "Youth of the Year" and "State Youth of the Year." He

1 was the recipient of the Dick Reynolds and Secretary of State Leadership Awards, and was a  
2 member of St Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, where he served on the Parish Council and in  
3 various regional positions; and

4 WHEREAS, Chris Gauthier's talents were abundant and his warm and caring demeanor  
5 made him a joy to be around. His determination in the face of adversity was inspirational and he  
6 enriched the lives of all who knew him; now, therefore be

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
8 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Christopher R.  
9 Gauthier; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ronald and Elaine Gauthier and Family.

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