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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE TORGEN FAMILY ON THE  
PASSING OF FORMER RHODE ISLAND STATE REPRESENTATIVE, THE HONORABLE  
EDWARD H. TORGEN

Introduced By: Representatives Craven, Fox, and Canario

Date Introduced: March 06, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Edward H. Torgen passed away on February 21, 2014. He  
2 was married for 54 years to Mary Ann (Webster) Torgen, and was the father of Susan Torgen,  
3 Tracey and her husband Edward Keenan, Kristin and her late husband Will Flannery, and Julie  
4 and her husband Joseph Mason. He was the son of the late Samuel and Cora (Cook) Torgen, and  
5 the grandfather of Meghan, Eddie, Sarah, Norah, Danica, Garrett, Michael, and Lindsay; and

6           WHEREAS, Edward H. Torgen graduated from Central High School in 1945, Brown  
7 University in 1950 and the Boston University School of Law in 1958. He was a retired Navy  
8 Commander, United States Naval Reserve, serving from 1945 to 1970, also serving for fourteen  
9 months aboard the USS Weeks. Mr. Torgen served our nation with valor and distinction in both  
10 World War II and the Korean War; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Torgen was a member of the Rhode Island Bar Association for 56 years  
12 and practiced law as part of a flourishing practice at Torgen and Callaghan with his law partner  
13 Matthew Callaghan. He also served as an Acting Judge of the Second District Court of South  
14 Kingstown and as a Probate Judge for the Town of North Kingstown; and

15           WHEREAS, Edward H. Torgen was a man of integrity who served our state and his  
16 constituents with tireless devotion as a State Representative, representing North Kingstown from  
17 1971 to 1973, as well as serving as a Councilman in Warwick from 1963 to 1964, and later as  
18 Town Solicitor for the Towns of Richmond and Narragansett; and

19           WHEREAS, Edward was passionate about many things in life including his family,

1 Stepping Out Inc., a charity he and his wife started to assist learning disabled adults, Brown Bears  
2 football, his crew members on the USS Weeks, and the game of golf. He was a member of the  
3 Quiddnessett Country Club for 45 years; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
5 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its deepest condolences to the Torgen family on the  
6 passing of former Rhode Island State Representative, the Honorable Edward H. Torgen; and be it  
7 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 Mary Ann Torgen and family.

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