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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF DORIAN J.
MURRAY

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Azzinaro, Mattiello, DeSimone, and Filippi

Date Introduced: March 09, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, There is an illusion that youth equals invincibility and a life yet to be lived,
2 filled with the promise of bright tomorrows and soon to be climbed summits. When that myth is
3 shattered, it leaves a void in the foundation of our beliefs, and a sorrow that is almost impossible
4 to grasp, and so it is with utmost sadness that we have learned of the passing of Dorian Murray;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, This House will always remember the poignant visual of Dorian sitting in
7 the Speaker's chair, his feet not reaching the floor, bravely but ever so shyly declining to bang the
8 Speaker's gavel; and

9 WHEREAS, Dorian Murray, a brave and inspiring eight-year-old boy from Westerly,
10 was the son of Chris and Melissa Murray. At the age of four, he was diagnosed with
11 rhabdomyosarcoma, a rare form of pediatric cancer; and

12 WHEREAS, It would have been almost impossible to conceive of the worldwide impact
13 that Dorian created when he told his dad that he wanted to be famous in China. The consequences
14 of his innocent request released a global outpouring of #DSTRONG love and support that reached
15 from the beach in his hometown to the Great Wall of China with hundreds of stops in between;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Dorian's spirit has left a legacy of courage and hope that will endure. His
18 parents have established The Dorian J. Murray Foundation, which is aimed at bringing awareness
19 to childhood cancer by providing emotional and financial support to families dealing with

1 pediatric cancer; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
3 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Dorian
4 Murray; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Chris Murray and Family, and Melissa Murray
7 and Family.

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