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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL ANTHONY
BROWN**

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: March 22, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House of Representatives has learned of
2 the passing of Michael Anthony Brown, the cherished husband of Kathleen Delorey Brown, who
3 was the love of his life, and the devoted father of Michael Jr., and Madeline; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Hyannis, Massachusetts, Michael was the son of Phyllis and the late
5 Robert Brown. He was blessed with a large and loving family, and grew up embraced by his
6 sisters and brothers, Catherine, Robert, Caren, Chuck, Ted, Lissa, and Jonathan, and many aunts,
7 uncles and cousins; and

8 WHEREAS, The exploits of Michael Brown's life have encompassed many chapters
9 filled with adventure, motivation, and commitment to making a better world for future
10 generations. At the age of 19, he began what would be the first of many business exploits, this
11 particular one in St. Thomas. He returned to Rhode Island to join the family business, Crystal
12 Thermoplastics, which he expanded and then later sold; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to his family, one of the staple passions in Michael's life was the
14 ocean. This driving motivation was evident when he founded an environmentally responsible
15 company, Packaging2.0, which was the first Benefit Corporation in Rhode Island. He created
16 business packaging that upheld his deep sense of environmental accountability and won
17 numerous awards for his innovation, particularly in the area of sustainability; and

18 WHEREAS, Michael Brown was an extraordinary individual who lived his life with
19 allegiance and authenticity. He played an unprecedented role in bringing awareness of our

1 ecosystem's importance and helped to generate positive change by educating others about
2 recycling, technology, and research. He was a member and involved with many organizations
3 including, 5 Gyres, Rozalia Project, Clean Ocean Access, and the Jamestown Conservation
4 Commission, on which he served; and

5 WHEREAS, Making his home in Jamestown, Michael was an avid sailor and active
6 member of the Conanicut Yacht Club. He had sailed in many of the one design classes, Tuesday
7 night racing, frostbite sailing in Shellback dinghies, and although his health was declining, had
8 been out on the water just a few weeks before his passing; and

9 WHEREAS, In a perfect world there would never be a need to comfort because there
10 would be no suffering, but to quote an Irish prayer, "God saw you getting tired and a cure was not
11 to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered 'come to me.' With tearful eyes we watched
12 you, and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A
13 golden heart stopped beating, hard-working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He
14 only takes the best"; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
16 Providence Plantations hereby offers our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of
17 Michael Anthony Brown. He will forever be in the hearts and minds of all who were fortunate
18 enough to be a part of his glorious life; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Kathleen Delorey Brown and Family.

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