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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE HOWARD I.  
LIPSEY, ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE RHODE ISLAND FAMILY COURT

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, and Filippi

Date Introduced: December 14, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the House Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Howard I. Lipsey was born in Providence, the son of the late  
2 Harry and Anna Lipsey, and the beloved husband of Paulla Lipsey for thirty-two years. Justice  
3 Lipsey was a graduate of Providence College and attained his Juris Doctor degree from  
4 Georgetown University. He also served our nation with honor and exemplary service as a Captain  
5 in the United States Army Reserves; and

6           WHEREAS, After finishing his studies, Justice Lipsey practiced as a trial lawyer for  
7 thirty-five years and was known by all within the Rhode Island legal community for his acumen,  
8 eloquence, and tireless service to his clients. In 1993, he began his service as an Associate Justice  
9 on the Rhode Island Family Court, serving the State of Rhode with distinction and impeccable  
10 integrity until his retirement in 2008; and

11           WHEREAS, Justice Lipsey was a member of numerous professional organizations  
12 including, the Rhode Island and American Bar Associations, the Rhode Island and American  
13 Trial Lawyers Associations, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, Chair of the  
14 American Bar Association Family Law Section, a founding member of the Edward P. Gallogly  
15 Inns of Court, and an Adjunct Professor at Roger Williams School of Law; and

16           WHEREAS, For his entire life, Justice Lipsey was very active in civic affairs. He was a  
17 member of Roger Williams B'nai B'rith RI ADL, Touro Fraternal Association, and Jewish War  
18 Veterans. He was the Chair of the World Affairs Council of Rhode Island, and served on the  
19 Boards of the St. Mary's Home for Children, Meals on Wheels, and Stand With Us, in support of

1 Israel, and had served at The St. Edward's Food and Wellness Center; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Paulla, Justice Lipsey was the devoted father of Dr.  
3 Lewis Lipsey, Bruce Lipsey, Esq., and his wife, Marcie, Marisa Ricci-Parris, and Carl Ricci,  
4 Esq., and his wife, Syneth. He was the proud grandfather of Adam and Jared Lipsey, Nolan and  
5 Emmanuelle Ricci, James Parris, Maxx and Ty Buor, and Bella Waskiel; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
7 extends its deepest condolences to the Lipsey Family on the passing of the Honorable Justice  
8 Howard I. Lipsey; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Paulla Lipsey and Family.

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