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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF COLONEL GORDON  
MITCHELL BRUCE LIVINGSTON (USMC, RETIRED)**

Introduced By: Senator Dawn M. Euer

Date Introduced: January 14, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Gordon  
2 Mitchell Bruce Livingston, beloved husband of the late Lucille Kavanaugh, whom he had married  
3 in 1950, and Anne Russell Maxwell, whom he married in 1982. He was the father of Gordon  
4 Mitchell Bruce Livingston, Jr., Jody McKernan Livingston, Mary Allerton Livingston, and  
5 Phoebe Hayes Livingston. He was also the very proud grandfather of Kavanaugh McKernan  
6 Livingston, Katharine Livingston Luther, and Oliver Bernard Lopez; and

7           WHEREAS, Born in Richmond, Virginia, Mr. Livingston was the son of Edith and  
8 Bernard Livingston, and the brother of the late Joan Zshoche. During his youth, he had earned the  
9 rank of Eagle Scout; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Livingston enlisted in the United State Marine Corps by altering his  
11 birthday by six months so he could serve our country that much sooner. He served with honor  
12 and valor during World War II and later in China. He was what is known as a "mustang", which  
13 is a marine who rises through the enlisted ranks to become an officer; and

14           WHEREAS, Upon returning stateside, Mr. Livingston graduated from the Severn School  
15 and attended Johns Hopkins University. He left college to serve in the Korean War as a Captain.  
16 He received a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star with Combat "V" and was promoted to the rank of  
17 Colonel; and

18           WHEREAS, Upon his return from Korea, Mr. Livingston graduated from and received  
19 his Master's degree from George Washington University. He returned to combat and fought in

1 Vietnam where he was awarded a second Bronze Star, and was eminently proud of his duty as  
2 Commander of the Ninth Marine Division in Okinawa, Japan, shortly before his retirement in  
3 1974; and

4 WHEREAS, As a civilian, Mr. Livingston moved to Rhode Island where he worked as a  
5 boatbuilder and marine surveyor until well into his eighties. In addition, he served as President of  
6 the Jamestown Senior Center, Commander of Post 9447 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Senior  
7 Warden of Trinity Church, Newport, and was a member of the Conanicut Yacht Club and the  
8 New York Yacht Club; and

9 WHEREAS, Colonel Gordon Livingston was a steadfast gentleman and honorable and  
10 dedicated veteran, who left this world a far better place because of his life's endeavors. He  
11 enriched the lives of all who knew him and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
13 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Colonel Gordon Mitchell Bruce  
14 Livingston (USMC, Retired); and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Anne Russell Maxwell and Family.

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