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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF COMMANDER WILLIAM F.  
BUNDY, PH.D., US NAVY RET.**

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Seveney, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: January 15, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of  
2 Commander William F. Bundy, Ph.D., US Navy Ret., devoted husband of Jeanne Bundy, beloved  
3 father of William, Raymond, and Andrena, and the proud grandfather of Matthew, Eleanor and  
4 Annalise; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Bundy was a graduate of the Baltimore City College and held advanced  
6 degrees from Salve Regina University, the Naval War College, and the University of Hawaii; and

7           WHEREAS, For more than forty years, Commander Bundy served our country with  
8 honor and distinction. After enlisting in the Navy, he rose to the rank of Chief Sonar Technician  
9 (Submarines) and was subsequently commissioned as a Naval Officer. During his tenure in the  
10 Navy, he held various positions including Command of a submarine, the Director of the Naval  
11 Officer Candidate School, and upon his retirement from active duty, had been a Commander and  
12 later served as an Associate Provost at the US Naval War College; and

13           WHEREAS, Commander Bundy achieved numerous recognitions during his service. He  
14 was a member of the Centennial Seven - one of the first seven African Americans to command  
15 one of our nation's submarines in the first 100 years of the nation's submarine force, earned a  
16 Defense Meritorious Service Award and a Meritorious Service Award in addition to over twenty  
17 other personal, unit, campaign, and service medals, and was recognized with the 1993 Black  
18 Engineer of the Year Award and honored with the US Navy League's Dalton L. Baugh Award;  
19 and

1           WHEREAS, In addition to his military service, Dr. Bundy had served as the Director of  
2 the Rhode Island Department of Transportation, was a FleetBoston Financial Executive, and was  
3 an adjunct professor at Providence College and Salve Regina University. He had also served on  
4 numerous local and national boards of directors; and

5           WHEREAS, Dr. Bundy was a devoted family man, a mentor to all, and a role model to  
6 many. He will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

7           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
8 hereby extends deepest condolences on the passing of Commander William F. Bundy, Ph.D., US  
9 Navy Ret.; and be it further

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

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