

2012 -- S 2346

=====
LC01100
=====

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DEAN C. KELCHNER

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, and Felag

Date Introduced: February 07, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It was with great sadness that this Senate learned of the passing of Dean C.
2 Kelchner, a kind and gentle soul, who was a wonderful husband, a loving father, and a loyal
3 friend, and whose determination in the face of adversity was inspirational; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 11th of 1952, in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, Dean was the
5 son of Dorothy Kelchner-Hart and the late Donald Kelchner. He was a graduate of Lycoming
6 College in Pennsylvania, and had done his graduate work at the University of Rhode Island and
7 the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1984, Dean took a position as a Senior Software Engineer for Raytheon
9 Company in Portsmouth. He had been previously employed at RCA in New Jersey and had also
10 worked as a lithographer for his father at the former K&V Lithographer Co. in Gloucester, New
11 Jersey; and

12 WHEREAS, Dean met and married his wife of twenty years, Deborah, and together they
13 raised their two children, David and Megan, making their home in the Town of Tiverton. Dean is
14 also survived by his mother, Dorothy, his brother and sister, Donn and Diane, and a panoply of
15 nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and one great-great niece; and

16 WHEREAS, More than ten years ago, Dean was diagnosed with Mantle Cell Lymphoma
17 and issued a bleak prognosis, but with the incredible strength of his wife, the love of his children,
18 the prayers and support of his church, and the occasional timeout with his friends, Dean outlived
19 all predictions and made the most of his life during the next decade; and

1 WHEREAS, During his all too short a time on this earth, Dean left an imprint on the lives
2 and in the hearts of so many people. His accomplishments were varied and extraordinary, just as
3 he was, and included being an Eagle Scout, an accomplished trumpeter, and an enthusiastic
4 golfer. He loved the thrill of riding roller coasters, the camaraderie of miniature golf, the
5 competition of shooting pool, and the challenges of being a computer hobbyist. He was also the
6 co-founder and a member of the Narragansett Bay Brass Ensemble and the Rhode Island Wind
7 Ensemble; and

8 WHEREAS, One can not bear witness to the incredible courage of those who have
9 cancer, without being deeply affected. Dean never took life for granted and lived each day with
10 thanks for the wondrous gifts that it brought. He will be truly missed and always remembered by
11 everyone fortunate enough to be part of his remarkable life; 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 Dean Kelchner; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Deborah Kelchner and Family.

=====
LC01100
=====