

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL ANTHONY TROFI, SR.

Introduced By: Senator Hanna M. Gallo

Date Introduced: March 15, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Michael
2 Anthony Trofi, Sr., the beloved husband of Therese Trofi for sixty years, the father of Michael
3 Trofi Jr. and his wife, Tracy, William Trofi and his wife, Karen, and Laura Trofi, and the very
4 proud grandfather of six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Michael Trofi was born and raised in the City of Providence, a son of the
6 late Salvatore and Angelina Trofi, the brother of Salvatore Trofi and his wife, Ingrid, Anne
7 Worley and her late husband, John, the late Vincent Trofi, and the uncle of many nieces and
8 nephews; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating from LaSalle Academy, Mr. Trofi continued his education
10 earning his Bachelor's degree in History Education from Rhode Island College, and later, a
11 Master's in Education from Rhode Island College. He began his career teaching history and
12 social studies with the West Warwick Public School Department, and subsequently became the
13 Chair for the Department of Social Studies; and

14 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his students and their families well-being, Mr. Trofi worked
15 with the Federal Government to support work experience programs for economically
16 disadvantaged youths such as Neighborhood Youth Corps, CETA, and JTPA. In addition,
17 professionally he had been elected by his peers to serve as the Vice President of the West
18 Warwick Teachers' Alliance, and used his extensive expertise to apply for various grants to
19 benefit both teachers and students; and

1 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, Mr. Trofi was named as the Director of Professional
2 Development Academy for the West Warwick School Department. He also directed two national
3 teacher summer training institutes a year at Salve Regina University and was actively involved in
4 Civitas, an International Civic Education Exchange Program. He was a Member of the Rhode
5 Island Legislature Commission on Civic Education and led a team of Rhode Islanders who
6 attended the United States Congress' Conference on Civic Education. He also served as Director
7 of Training for the Center for Civic Education, and supported Project Citizen, We the People, the
8 School Violence Prevention Demonstration Project, Citizens not Spectators, and James Madison
9 Legacy; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Trofi was devoted to his family, friends and students. He loved
11 spending time with his family and watching his children grow and raise their own families, and
12 serving as a mentor to both his family and his students. He had many lifelong friendships with
13 whom he enjoyed talking about history, politics and sports, especially New England Teams and
14 the Men's NCAA Frozen Four which he annually attended; and

15 WHEREAS, Michael Trofi led a full and wonderful life surrounded by love and
16 rewarding experiences and accomplishments and he will be dearly missed and forever
17 remembered by those whose lives he enriched and shared; now, therefore

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby extends deepest
19 condolences on the passing of Michael Anthony Trofi, Sr.; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Therese Trofi and Family.

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