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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF BENJAMIN M.  
KELLOGG

Introduced By: Senator Ryan W. Pearson

Date Introduced: April 02, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, There is an illusion that youth equals strength and invincibility, and filled  
2 with the promise of bright tomorrows and soon to be climbed summits. When that myth is  
3 shattered, it leaves a void in the foundation of our beliefs, and a sorrow that is almost impossible  
4 to grasp, and so it is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the tragic passing of  
5 Benjamin Kellogg; and

6           WHEREAS, The beautiful son of Michaela and Matthew Kellogg, Ben, together with his  
7 two younger brothers, Samuel and William, and his mom and dad, lived in Hopedale,  
8 Massachusetts. He was in the 3rd grade at Hopedale Memorial School, where he loved and  
9 already excelled at math; and

10           WHEREAS, Ben was an active and bright child, who enjoyed myriad sports, including  
11 flag football and basketball in the town's recreation programs. He was also learning to play golf,  
12 and excitedly looking forward to the spring Little League Baseball season, where he was hoping  
13 to be a prominent pitcher for this summer's Tondorf 9U All-Star team; and

14           WHEREAS, Always on the move, Ben also enjoyed roller coasters, building amazing  
15 Legos structures, "Star Wars," Pokémon, Nintendo Switch Sports, and Minecraft, and was  
16 amazingly astute at playing Monopoly. He also adored listening to music, especially his favorite  
17 band, Imagine Dragons, and loved to play Super Mario Brothers Wonder, and other video games,  
18 with his brother Sam; and

19           WHEREAS, Blessed with a large and loving extended family, Ben was the beloved

1 grandson of Robert and Katherine Kellogg, and Thomas and Carol Ward, and the nephew of Sean  
2 and Jennifer Cronin, Stephen and Katelyn McMorrow, Connor and Kristen Kane, and Steven  
3 Ward and Jenna Ross; and

4 WHEREAS, The most fitting tribute to Ben Kellogg is a celebration of his life, a life in  
5 which each and every day was joyfully embraced and filled with fun and amity. He was  
6 fortunate to have always enjoyed the total love of his family, and in return he enriched the lives of  
7 all around him and he will be deeply missed but always dearly remembered; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses heartfelt  
9 condolences on the passing of Benjamin M. Kellogg; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Michaela and Matthew Kellogg, Robert and  
12 Katherine Kellogg, and Thomas and Carol Ward.

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