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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAUL T. DEROCHE**

Introduced By: Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero

Date Introduced: June 10, 2024

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, It is with sincere sorrow that this Senate has learned of the passing of Paul  
2 T. DeRoche, the devoted husband of Dr. Helen Caldwell for thirty years, and the beloved father  
3 of Mary Sette and her husband, Steve, Nancy Purdue and her husband, William, Jane Norris and  
4 her husband, Michael, Thomas DeRoche and his wife, Jennifer, and Michelle DeRoche Robertson  
5 and her late husband, Alexander Robertson. He was also the very proud grandfather of eleven  
6 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

7           WHEREAS, Born in the City of Woonsocket, Paul DeRoche was a son of the late  
8 Edward and Catherine DeRoche, and the brother of Dr. Edward DeRoche, Dr. Robert DeRoche,  
9 and the late Rosamond Nalewski. He was a graduate of Mount St. Charles Academy and  
10 Providence College; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. DeRoche was employed with The Greater Providence Chamber of  
12 Commerce for thirty-seven years, retiring as a Senior Vice President for Government Affairs. In  
13 addition, he had been instrumental in planning the annual Greater Providence Chamber of  
14 Commerce Legislative Luncheon for decades; and

15           WHEREAS, A consistent fixture at the State House, Mr. DeRoche was a well-respected  
16 lobbyist for the business community. His affable, reasonable, and personable demeanor made him  
17 an incredible asset to not only the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, but also to those  
18 he worked with on various legislative issues. He was consistently well-prepared, knowledgeable  
19 and helpful, earning him a reputation as one of the most valued lobbyists at the State House over  
20 the course of many decades; and

1           WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. DeRoche loved to golf and watch horse racing, and  
2 enjoyed spending time in Florida, Washington D.C., and Newport with his wife. He was also the  
3 devoted companion to Eliza, his Maltese pup who brought him great comfort during his last  
4 months; and

5           WHEREAS, Paul DeRoche gave the precious gift of his time and energy to the  
6 betterment of Rhode Island and memories of this remarkable man will always be in the hearts of  
7 those who had the good fortune to be a part of his life; now, therefore be it

8           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby offers heartfelt  
9 condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Paul T. DeRoche; 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 Dr. Helen M. Caldwell and Family.

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