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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE GEORGE A.
CASTRO**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Amore, Serodio, and Williams

Date Introduced: January 02, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable George A. Castro, a dedicated public servant and
2 distinguished member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives for Eighteen Years, passed
3 away on October 17, 2018. He was the beloved husband of Avis L. Castro; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Castro was born in Providence, on December 27, 1936, son of the late
5 Jusino A. and Marion A. Castro. He was a graduate of Central High School in Providence, where
6 he was a member of the student council and the theatre program. After graduation, he attended
7 Providence College and as a college student he developed a deep desire to make a difference in
8 life and become active in community affairs, initially by working as the Director of the
9 Neighborhood Youth Core in the City of Providence, where he made a positive difference in the
10 lives of many young people through mentorship and the teaching of important life skills; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1980, Mr. Castro ran for the Rhode Island House of Representatives and
12 was elected to represent the citizens of House District 20 in Providence. He was a member of,
13 and served as Secretary of the House Finance Committee, where he was a strong advocate for
14 social justice and fiscal discipline. He also rose to a senior leadership position, serving as a
15 Deputy Majority Leader. He also served with distinction as the Chairman of the Martin Luther
16 King, Jr., Holiday Commission, and as Chairman of the Permanent Advisory Group on Boxing,
17 Wrestling and Kickboxing. He was a passionate supporter and promoter of those sports within the
18 State of Rhode Island. In his eighteen years as a member of the Rhode Island House of
19 Representatives, Mr. Castro served his constituents and the citizens of Rhode Island with honor,

1 integrity and tireless devotion; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Castro also had a very successful career in media and broadcasting,
3 serving as Executive Producer of the television show "Let's Talk About it Now", and served as
4 both the Executive Producer and Host for programs on WSNE and WHIM Radio. He was also a
5 heralded boxer in his younger days, retiring undefeated with a record of 20-0, a licensed real
6 estate agent, and a jazz aficionado. He will be long remembered for being a wonderful husband,
7 father, grandfather, and friend to many, for his sterling record of selfless public service, and for
8 the laughter and joy he brought to so many people. He will be sorely missed by all who knew
9 him; and

10 WHEREAS, The Honorable George A. Castro leaves behind his devoted wife, Avis, his
11 children, Valentino H. Freeman, IV., and his wife Denise, Michael V. Freeman, and his wife
12 Rose, Brian D. Castro, and Regina M. Moura, and her husband, the Honorable Paul Moura. He
13 also leaves behind one sister, Rene Whales, one stepbrother, Thomas Meyers, and twelve
14 grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson. He was the father of
15 the late Keith E. Freeman and Terri R. Sanchez; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby expresses its deepest
17 condolences on the passing of the Honorable George A. Castro; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this Resolution to Mrs. Avis Castro and family.

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