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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015**

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

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE CASTRO FAMILY ON THE PASSING  
OF VASCO CASTRO, JR.**

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, Marshall, Malik, Kennedy, and O`Grady

Date Introduced: February 04, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Vasco Castro, Jr., was a lifelong resident of Bristol, Rhode Island. He was a  
2 son of the late Vasco Castro, Sr., and Adeline (Valente) Castro, and brother of the late John  
3 Castro; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Castro was a meat cutter by trade, working as an Assistant Meat  
5 Manager at Stop & Shop for thirty-two years. He also served our nation and state with honor and  
6 integrity as a member of the Rhode Island National Guard, Battery C, 243rd Anti-Aircraft  
7 Artillery Weapons Battalion for ten years; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Castro, throughout his life, had been very active in civic and volunteer  
9 endeavors within the Bristol community. He was a founding member of the Bristol Junior  
10 Chamber of Commerce, where he held the office of Treasurer, the Knights of Corte Reis, and the  
11 Bristol Hall of Fame; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Castro had lived in the Hopeworth neighborhood for fifty-five years. He  
13 was a past president of the Community Association and was known as the "Mayor of  
14 Hopeworth." A beloved figure in his community, Vasco was a regular fixture on the bocce court  
15 and head chef for the annual steak and chicken barbeque. He was always a jovial figure, ready to  
16 lighten the mood with good jokes and a hearty laugh and was typically the first person to  
17 welcome new families to the neighborhood; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Castro was a lifelong sports fan. He was past President of the Bristol  
19 High School Parents for Hockey, Bristol High School Parents for Football and a coach for both

1 the Bristol Football Mustangs and the King Phillip Little League. He received a Certificate of  
2 Appreciation from "People to People of Rhode Island" for his work in broadening international  
3 sports activities. He and his wife, Jane, received recognition for their volunteer work from the  
4 Roger Williams College (now University) Athletic Department. A particular passion of his, and  
5 his wife, was their love for Providence College basketball. They were named the Providence  
6 College "fans of the year" in 1998-1999. To the dismay of many, he was also an avid New York  
7 Yankees fan; and

8 WHEREAS, Vasco Castro, Jr., leaves behind his wife of sixty years, Jane (Perry) Castro,  
9 and their two sons and their spouses, Vasco III (Skip) and his wife, Lori, and Robert P. and his  
10 wife, Montserrat. He also leaves behind three grandchildren, Vasco IV (Tad), Gabriella, and Nil,  
11 one great-granddaughter, Leah Marie, two step granddaughters, Sara and Katelyn, and many  
12 nieces and nephews; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
14 Providence Plantations hereby expresses deepest condolences to the Castro Family on the passing  
15 of Vasco Castro, Jr.; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Jane Castro.

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