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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RICHARD A. GRILLS

Introduced By: Representatives Kennedy, Azzinaro, Filippi, O'Brien, and Solomon

Date Introduced: February 15, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Richard A. Grills passed away on February 7, 2017. He was born in North  
2 Stonington, Connecticut, the son of the late Anne and Peter Grills, Sr.; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Grills was an innovative entrepreneur who owned and operated the  
4 Bradford Dyeing Association for many years, until his retirement. He also owned, with his  
5 brother Peter, both the Stardust Motel in North Stonington and the original Patceez Freeze in  
6 Hopkinton; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Grills was a member of the Board of Directors for the Washington Trust  
8 Company for twenty years and was one of the founders of BankRI. He served as a member of the  
9 Napoleon Club and was a Paul Harris Fellow of the Chariho Rotary Club. He was also a former  
10 member of the Bradford Citizens Club; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Grills generously donated hundreds of acres of land to create the Grills  
12 Preserve in Westerly, and the Grills Wildlife Sanctuary in Hopkinton. In his spare time he  
13 enjoyed building stone walls, collecting antiques, and restoring old homes. He served our nation  
14 with honor and distinction during the Korean War as a member of the United States Navy; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Grills leaves behind his three children, Sharon Jackson and her  
16 husband, Stephen, Michael Grills and his wife, Laurie, and Pamela Grills Stein. He also leaves  
17 behind nine grandchildren, Valerie Nadreau, Gregory Jackson, Alexander Jackson, Benjamin  
18 Grills, Anne Grills, Adam Grills, Chandler Grills, Peter Grills, and Jordan Gabrielle Stein, as well  
19 as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Peter Grills, Jr., and his  
20 former wife, Patricia Ann Grills; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Richard A. Grills; and  
3 be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copies of this resolution to Sharon Jackson, Michael Grills, and Pamela  
6 Grills Stein.

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