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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROSWELL S.
BOSWORTH, JR.

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, Donovan, Knight, Hearn, and Edwards

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep regret that this House has learned of the passing of Roswell
2 S. Bosworth, Jr., a retired East Bay Newspapers Publisher, aviator in the Army Air Force, skilled
3 sailor, a leader in his community, and a man who verily personified the definition of
4 "Renaissance man"; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Bristol, Roswell Bosworth was the son of the late Roswell S. and
6 Edith Bosworth and the brother of Nancy Crutchfield. He was the beloved husband of Marcia
7 Walls Bosworth for 42 years, and the devoted father of Peter Cook Bosworth and Barbara Russell
8 Bosworth, and the step-father of Matthew Hayes and Jonathan Hayes. He was also the proud
9 grandfather of Sarah, Andrew, Emilie, Colin, Rebecca, Kaitryn, Harley, and Zelda, and one great-
10 grandchild, James; and

11 WHEREAS, Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Bosworth began on the road to
12 reporting when he was named "Class Journalist" while attending Colt Memorial High School,
13 was made an editor of the college paper while earning his degree at the University of Rhode
14 Island, and all the while, was learning the various aspects of the family's newspaper business; and

15 WHEREAS, When his father retired as editor and publisher of the Bristol Phoenix in
16 1974, Mr. Bosworth was ready to take the helm. Over the ensuing years, he grew the company,
17 with the addition of the Barrington Times, the Warren Times-Gazette, the Sakonnet Times, and
18 the East Bay Classifieds; and

19 WHEREAS, Gifted with exceptional abilities in myriad areas, Mr. Bosworth was one of

1 the founders and had served as President of the New England Press Association and the Suburban
2 Newspapers of America. In addition, he was conferred by various organizations with a plethora of
3 awards such as election to the Hall of Fame from the New England Press Association and the
4 Rhode Island Press Association. He was also honored as the recipient of the distinguished Dean
5 Leshner Award and the Horace Greely Award, and was presented with a membership to the Order
6 of Prince Henry the Navigator by the Portuguese government, to name but a few; and

7 WHEREAS, The power and intensity of Ros Bosworth's life not only informed and
8 educated the community but also had a huge impact through his vision for transforming the very
9 land and quality of life in Bristol. He was a key supporter in the establishment of Colt State Park,
10 Independence Park, and the construction of the town dock at Rockwell Park, and he was a leader
11 in the preservation and transformation of Bristol's Linden Place; and

12 WHEREAS, The exploits of Ros Bosworth's life prove to be a weighty tome. He knew
13 the infinite value of the people he met and he innately knew what was right and just. Memories of
14 this remarkable man, who helped to transform and shape the diverse structure of reporting and his
15 community have left an indelible mark on the people and Town of Bristol and our state; now,
16 therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby expresses deepest condolences on the passing of Roswell S.
19 Bosworth, Jr.; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Marcia Walls Bosworth and Family.

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