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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DR. SAMUEL MONTALTO, JR.**

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Corvese, Kennedy, and Solomon

Date Introduced: March 07, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel Montalto, Jr., of Westerly, Rhode Island, passed away on  
2 Saturday, March 4, 2017, after fighting a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. He was a  
3 loving husband and devoted father; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Montalto was born on October 11, 1959, the son of Virginia Montalto  
5 and the late Samuel J. Montalto, Sr. Mr. Montalto graduated from Westerly High School in 1977,  
6 and attended the University of Rhode Island, where he attained a Bachelor's degree and a  
7 Master's degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences; and

8           WHEREAS, After graduation, Mr. Montalto worked at Granite Drugs, Inc., while  
9 continuing his education at the New England College of Optometry, where he attained a Doctor  
10 of Optometry degree. The following year, he began practicing at Coastal Eye Associates, where  
11 he became a beloved figure in the community and worked until his passing; and

12           WHEREAS, In addition to his practice, Dr. Montalto was affiliated with the American  
13 Optometric Association and the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island Eye Care Advisory  
14 Committee. He was also a member of the Rhode Island Optometric Association, where he served  
15 on the Board of Directors for many years and as President from 1998 to 1999; and

16           WHEREAS, Dr. Montalto was also a commissioned officer in the United States Air  
17 Force Reserves, where he served our nation with honor and distinction. He had recently been  
18 promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was a member of the 439th Aerospace Medicine  
19 Squadron, serving at Westover Air Reserve Base; and

20           WHEREAS, Dr. Montalto was a devoted servant of his community and church. He was a

1 member of the Pawcatuk Lions Club, the Westerly Public Library and Westerly Hospital Boards  
2 of Incorporators, and was one of the trustees for the Church of the Immaculate Conception. In his  
3 spare time, he enjoyed playing tennis, sailing, kayaking, going to the beach and spending time  
4 with his family; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Montalto leaves behind his wife, Deborah, and their three children,  
6 Catherine, Emily and Sam. He is survived by his mother, Virginia, his brother and sister-in-law,  
7 Stephen and Barbara Montalto and their children, Zachary and Dylan, his brother Christopher and  
8 his sons Ethan and Christian, his father in-law and mother-in-law Gardner and Ruth Werking, and  
9 numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
11 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Dr. John Montalto, Jr.;  
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Deborah Montalto and Family.

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