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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF FRANCIS A. DONAHUE, JR.

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Fenton-Fung, Kennedy, Fellela,
Donovan, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 06, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Francis
2 A. Donahue, Jr., the beloved husband of our friend and colleague, Betty Ann Donahue, and the
3 cherished father of Holly Donahue; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Frank Donahue was the son of the late Veronica and
5 Francis Donahue, Sr., and the brother of Joseph Donahue and his wife, Carol, and John Donahue.
6 He also shared a warm friendship with his wife's sisters and their husbands, Barbara and Aldo
7 Testa, and Susan and Steven Dolan; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Donahue was a graduate of Providence College and received a graduate
9 degree from the University of Rhode Island. He was employed at the Rhode Island Department
10 of Health (DOH) in healthcare management, where he held numerous management positions to
11 the benefit of many Rhode Islanders; and

12 WHEREAS, Upon leaving the DOH, Mr. Donahue utilized his experience and expertise
13 in a panoply of positions including as the Executive Director of the Rhode Island Chapter of the
14 American Academy of Pediatrics, The Rhode Island Pharmacists Association, The Trudeau
15 Center Early Intervention Program, Kids First Program, Rhode Island Child Opportunity Zone
16 (COZ) Program, the Rhode Island Psychological Association, and the Rhode Island Association
17 for Supervision and Curriculum Development; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Donahue taught at the Warren Alpert School of Medicine at
19 Brown University, the Health Policy and Management Program at Providence College, and the
20 Graduate Program in Public Administration at Roger Williams University. Throughout his career,

1 he served as a mentor and role model, providing guidance and encouragement to his students and
2 fellow colleagues; and

3 WHEREAS, Altruistic by nature, Mr. Donahue was a volunteer with myriad
4 organizations and boards including the New England Chapter of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps,
5 and was devoted to God and the Catholic faith throughout his lifetime; and

6 WHEREAS, Frank Donahue was blessed with the total love of a devoted wife and
7 family, and the loyal and rewarding camaraderie of many dear friends. He was a kind and
8 generous gentleman, and he will be deeply missed by all; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
10 extends deepest condolences to the family of Francis A. Donahue, Jr.; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Betty Ann Donahue and Family.

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