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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF D. RONALD DANIEL

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
Fogarty, Alzate, Solomon, Kennedy, Ajello, and Edwards

Date Introduced: January 10, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of D. Ronald
2 Daniel, beloved husband of Lise Scott, and the devoted father of David and his wife, Jeanne,
3 Peter and his partner, Jean Stratton, Stephen and his wife, Mary Beth, and his stepson, David
4 Scott and his wife, Chandra; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Hartford, Connecticut, Mr. Daniel's educational pedigree was
6 unparalleled. He attained his Bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University, his MBA from the
7 Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration, an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree from
8 Harvard University, an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Wesleyan, and an
9 Honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree from the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel; and

10 WHEREAS, After honorably serving our country in the United States Navy, Mr. Daniel
11 joined McKinsey & Company, where "revered for his values, his collaborative spirit and his
12 mentoring to the women and men of the Firm" he rose to the position of Global Managing
13 Partner. In 1976, he led the firm's management consultancy, and in 1988, after six decades, he
14 stepped down and was named Managing Director Emeritus; and

15 WHEREAS, Never one to remain idle, Mr. Daniel went on to serve as Treasurer of
16 Harvard University for 15 years, and was a member of the then seven-person Harvard
17 Corporation, a member of the University's Board of Overseers, Chairman of the Harvard
18 Management Company, and Chairman of the Board of Fellows of Harvard Medical School; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2004, Mr. Daniel joined the Library of America's board, and two years
20 later, became Board Chair, where his dedication and deep commitment to the organization's

1 mission “to keep great American writing alive in the culture” generated and inspired a legacy of
2 unsurpassed generosity and support for LOA’s publishing program and purpose; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Daniel was also an active and contributing member of numerous
4 altruistic and community organizations including being a member of the Boards of Bloomberg
5 Philanthropies, the Library of America, the New York City Ballet, the Markel Foundation and the
6 National Trust for Historic Preservation. He also chaired the Investment Committee of the Peter
7 G. Peterson Foundation, served on the Investment Committees of The National Gallery of
8 London and The Rockefeller University, was a Trustee Emeritus of Rockefeller University and a
9 Life Trustee of WNET, and was a member of the Executive Committee of The Brookings
10 Institution, the Council on Foreign Relations, and was a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts
11 and Sciences; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Daniel was also an avid golfer. He was a member of Augusta National
13 Golf Club, The Blind Brook Club, The Links Club, and the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St.
14 Andrews. In addition, he served as Vice President of the United States Golf Association, was a
15 member of the Executive Committee of the USGA, and was Chair of the organization’s Finance
16 Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, To his family and those who knew and loved Ron Daniel, and particularly
18 his ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren who adored him, he was simply and lovingly
19 known as “Grandpa Cheese” or “The Big Cheese”, a nickname he surely earned through his
20 commanding achievements and enduring life, and he is, and will always be dearly missed; now,
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
23 extends deepest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of D. Ronald
24 Daniel; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
26 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Lise Scott, David Daniel, Peter Daniel, Stephen
27 Daniel, and David Scott.

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