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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALAN SUMNER FLINK

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Chippendale, Ajello, Kislak,  
Edwards, Tanzi, Stewart, Dawson, and Shallcross Smith

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 Alan Sumner  
2 Flink, the devoted husband of the late Renee Flink for sixty-eight years, and the beloved father of  
3 Marc and his wife, Margaret, Philip and his wife, Anne, and Peter: and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Flink grew up in the City of Providence. He was the son of the late  
5 Sadye and Philip Flink, and the brother of the late Ruth Ades. Mr. Flink was also the proud  
6 grandfather of Andrew and his wife, Anna, Sarah, Hannah and her fiancé, Andrew Priester and  
7 his daughter, Paige, Philip and his wife, Rylie Anderson, Leanne, Trevor, and the late Madison  
8 Flink. He was also the cherished great-grandfather of Zoe and Charlie; and

9           WHEREAS, Following high school, Mr. Flink served with honor in the United States  
10 Navy during World War II. Upon returning from the service, he attended Brown University,  
11 where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree, and Boston University Law School, where he  
12 attained his Juris Doctor degree cum laude and was a member of the Law Review; and

13           WHEREAS, After earning his degree, Mr. Flink was admitted to practice law in Rhode  
14 Island and Massachusetts and began what would become a long and distinguished law career,  
15 initially with Letts Quinn & Licht, and subsequently as a partner and legal ethicist with Edwards  
16 & Angell; and

17           WHEREAS, Highly respected in the legal field, Mr. Flink was a member of numerous  
18 professional affiliations, including serving as President as well as numerous additional executive  
19 positions with the Rhode Island Bar Association, Commissioner on the Rhode Island Judicial  
20 Nominating Commission, and Editor-in-Chief of the RI Bar Journal; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Flink was a “staunch advocate for the principles of democracy and  
2 judicial merit selection” which culminated in his service as Director of Common Cause of Rhode  
3 Island, and earned him Common Cause’s recognition as a John Gardner Fellow in 2021. He was  
4 also a member of the Jewish Federation of RI, a member and former Director of Planned  
5 Parenthood of RI, a member and former President of the John Hope Settlement House, the Chair  
6 of the Lawyer’s Division of United Way, a member of the Rhode Island Supreme Court Ethics  
7 Reform Commission, and Director of Justice Assistance; and

8           WHEREAS, Alan Flink was blessed with a large and loving family, many good friends,  
9 and a life that had purpose and integrity, and while he is gone from sight, he will never be  
10 vanished from the hearts of those who were fortunate to be a part of his remarkable life; now,  
11 therefore be it

12           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
13 extends deepest condolences on the passing of Alan Sumner Flink. “May his memory be a  
14 blessing”; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
16 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Marc Flink, Philip Flink, and Peter Flink.

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