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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JAMES EDWARD  
GILLEN, JR.

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Bennett, Lancia, Serpa, and Canario

Date Introduced: January 14, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of James  
2 Edward Gillen, Jr., a beloved husband, father, and grandfather, and the highly respected and  
3 widely admired founder of Rhode Island's first recovery center, Anchor Recovery Community  
4 Center; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Brooklyn, New York, James Gillen was the son of the late Grace  
6 and James Gillen, Sr. Known as "Jim" to his family and many friends, he was the loving husband  
7 of Doreen Stafford, the devoted father of Eileen Dalton and her husband, Patrick, and Kelly  
8 Gillen and her husband, Sean Maloney, James E. Gillen, III, and his wife, Jeanette, and Sean  
9 Gillen. He was also the very proud and doting grandfather of Cian Dalton, Liam Maloney, and  
10 Alyssa Gillen, and the brother of Kelli Campling; and

11 WHEREAS, Jim Gillen had fought a long and courageous battle with cancer. Through  
12 his efforts and work with Anchor Recovery and by the example he set throughout his lifetime, he  
13 was an inspiration to many and had helped save and restore countless lives; and

14 WHEREAS, The many years Jim Gillen devoted to Anchor Recovery were  
15 wholeheartedly commendable, but they were only one small portion of a life that included a  
16 panoply of service to others and there is no doubt that he has left Rhode Island a far better place  
17 because of his life's endeavors; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of James Edward

1 Gillen, Jr.; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Doreen Stafford and Family.

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