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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF REVEREND MONSIGNOR  
GALLIANO J. CAVALLARO**

Introduced By: Representatives Costantino, Ucci, Mattiello, Fox, and McCauley

Date Introduced: March 09, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of  
2 Reverend Monsignor Galliano Cavallaro, a revered and beloved Monsignor with the Catholic  
3 Diocese of Providence, retired Director of the Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries, and the Pastor  
4 Emeritus of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Providence, a son of the late Giuseppe and Angelina Cavallaro,  
6 Reverend Monsignor Cavallaro received his education at LaSalle Academy and St. Charles  
7 College in Maryland, followed by five years of study at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore; and

8           WHEREAS, Ordained to the holy priesthood on December 19, 1942, by the Most Rev.  
9 Francis P. Keough, Reverend Monsignor Cavallaro celebrated his first solemn Mass at Our Lady  
10 of Mount Carmel, a particularly poignant event as Mount Carmel had been his childhood parish;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, Over the next seventeen years, Reverend Monsignor Cavallaro served as an  
13 assistant pastor at St. Anthony's Church, St. John's Church, and St. Mary's Church. In 1960, he  
14 once again returned to his beloved family parish when he was named pastor of Our Lady of  
15 Mount Carmel. In 1967, Pope Paul VI named him an Honorary Prelate of His Holiness, with the  
16 title of Right Reverend Monsignor; and

17           WHEREAS, Devoted to the Federal Hill neighborhood, Reverend Monsignor Cavallaro  
18 committed his considerable talents and energy to the betterment of the community. He organized  
19 fundraising events and enlisted state and local assistance for the beautification and creation of the

1 Our Lady of Mount Carmel Plaza. A statue of the Monsignor was later made the centerpiece of  
2 the plaza, and the plaza was renamed the “Monsignor Cavallaro Plaza” to honor his efforts and  
3 dedication to the neighborhood; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1959, Bishop Russell McVinney appointed Reverend Monsignor  
5 Cavallaro the Director of Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries, a position he held for the next forty  
6 years until his retirement in 1999. In 2005, Bishop Tobin dedicated the new Diocesan Cemetery  
7 Office in Reverend Monsignor Cavallaro’s honor; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to his responsibilities as Director of Catholic Cemeteries,  
9 Reverend Monsignor Cavallaro served on the Board of National Conference of Catholic  
10 Cemeteries, was a member of the New England Cemetery Association, oversaw the construction  
11 of three new cemeteries, and established many of the programs and initiatives that promote  
12 Christian Burial. Offering the Holy Mass at cemeteries near holidays and on the first Saturday of  
13 the month was one of his fondest traditions; and

14 WHEREAS, For many years, Reverend Monsignor Cavallaro served as the diocesan  
15 representative to Italian-speaking civic-religious organizations. He also received a panoply of  
16 honors and awards from civic organizations such as Big Brothers of Rhode Island, and was  
17 named “Man of the Year” by the Verrazzano Day Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, Reverend Monsignor Cavallaro is survived by his brother, Alfred Cavallaro,  
19 his sisters, Eda Guercia and Margaret Campellone, and his many beloved nieces and nephews.  
20 He was also avid sports enthusiast and golfer; and

21 WHEREAS, Reverend Monsignor Cavallaro vigorously reached out to the faithful and  
22 those in need of moral and spiritual guidance. He was a kind and gentle soul who has left this  
23 world a far better place because of his life’s work. His devotion uplifted and enriched the lives of  
24 all who knew him, and his empathy and compassion were boundless and an inspiration to us all;  
25 now, therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
27 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Reverend  
28 Monsignor Galliano Cavallaro. He will forever be remembered as a devout spiritual leader and a  
29 man devoted to bettering the spiritual lives of all Rhode Islanders; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Alfred Cavallaro, Eda Guercia, and Margaret  
3 Campellone.

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