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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHIES AND CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF  
RUSSELL M. SOLLITTO, ESQ.**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, DeSimone, Newberry, Edwards, and Craven

Date Introduced: March 09, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with the deepest sense of sadness that this House of Representatives has  
2 learned of the passing of our good friend and colleague, Russell Sollitto, a devoted family man,  
3 and a highly respected attorney; and

4           WHEREAS, A resident of Tiverton, Russ had shared thirty-four years with his beloved  
5 wife Lise J. Gescheidt, Esq., and is also survived by his ever-faithful canine companions; and

6           WHEREAS, Russ earned his Bachelor's degree from Emerson College and his Juris  
7 Doctor from Franklin Pierce College. He was admitted into the Rhode Island Bar Association and  
8 practiced Criminal Law for a number of years; and

9           WHEREAS, Russ began his employment with the State of Rhode Island on January 24th  
10 of 1994. He worked for the Office of Attorney General and as an Assistant Public Defender. In  
11 December of 2006, he became the Special Projects Coordinator for the General Assembly. He  
12 was most recently an attorney in the Office of Legislative Council; and

13           WHEREAS, Although Russ had battled with his health over the course of the last few  
14 years, his courage, optimism, and dignity throughout his illness was inspiring; and

15           WHEREAS, A steadfast gentleman, Russ's recent passing is a great loss to his family,  
16 friends, and his former colleagues here at the State House. He will be sorely missed and fondly  
17 remembered; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
19 Providence Plantations hereby extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Russell

1 M. Sollitto, Esq.; 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 Lise J. Gescheidt, Esq., and Family.

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