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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHARLES H. HOLDREDGE, III

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
Kennedy, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, McNamara, and Boylan
Date Introduced: May 07, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Charles
2 H. “Charlie” Holdredge III, of Westerly, the beloved husband of Jane Holdredge for 59 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Holdredge, III, was the son of Virginia and Charles Holdredge, II.
4 He graduated from Stonington High School where he excelled as an athlete in three sports,
5 football, basketball and baseball, and was also the Captain of the team. He later attended and
6 played football at American International College in Springfield, Massachusetts, and later
7 graduated from Boston University with a degree in journalism; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Holdredge served our nation with honor and distinction as a member of
9 the United States Army’s 76th Infantry Division, where he earned the rank of Sergeant First
10 Class; and

11 WHEREAS, After completing college and fulfilling his military obligations, Mr.
12 Holdredge embarked on a highly successful 40 year career with the Electric Boat Division of
13 General Dynamics, working in the Radiological Control Office. He also worked for his family’s
14 business, Holdredge’s Garage and later, Holdredge Cottage and Rentals; and

15 WHEREAS, Charles Holdredge was a devoted family man and a pillar of the Westerly-
16 Stonington community. He was the President of the Westerly Sports Boosters and never missed a
17 sports or school function in his children’s and grandchildren’s lives. He was also a member of the
18 Rhode Island Reds Hockey Heritage Society, and the Rhode Island Chapter of the National
19 Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the Westerly and
20 Stonington High School Hall of Fame, and the Providence Gridiron Hall of Fame, of which he

1 served as President; and

2 WHEREAS, Charles Holdredge was an active member of the Westerly Pawcatuck
3 Chamber of Commerce, the Westerly Yacht Club, the Westerly Lodge of Elks, and the Watch
4 Hill Fire Department, where he served for 65 years. He was a man of deep faith who served as an
5 usher for 40 years at St. Clare's Church in Misquamicut; and

6 WHEREAS, Charles Holdredge, III, in addition to his wife, Jane, leaves behind his
7 children, Virginia Fabianski and her husband, David, and Brian Holdredge and his wife, Shannon.
8 He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Meghan, Hannah, and Matthew Fabianski, Maddie
9 Lewis and her husband Andrew, and Brady, Caelen, and Reagan Holdredge, and his step-
10 grandchildren, Arianna and Kayleigh Sullivan, and Jon Brutcher; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 expresses its condolences on the passing of Charles H. Holdredge, III; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Jane Holdredge and Family.

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