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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LOUIS M. PULNER, ESQ.

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, J. Brien, Chippendale, Fenton-Fung, Boylan, Knight, Craven, Dawson, and J. Lombardi

Date Introduced: June 12, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Louis  
2 M. Pulner, Esq.; and

3 WHEREAS, Louis Pulner was born in Providence, the son of Norma Ryan and Sidney  
4 Pulner. He graduated from Classical High School and Providence College before attending  
5 Suffolk University Law School, where he received his Juris Doctor; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Pulner, an accomplished attorney and litigator, began his distinguished  
7 legal career when he accepted the position of Special Assistant Attorney General in the Rhode  
8 Island Attorney General's Office. He immediately became well known and highly regarded for  
9 the legal acumen and tenacity he exhibited prosecuting drunk drivers as part of the Rhode Island  
10 State campaign to crackdown on drunk driving, titled "In Rhode Island, Drunk Drivers Get  
11 Court"; and

12 WHEREAS, After serving under two Rhode Island Attorney Generals with distinction  
13 and integrity, Mr. Pulner joined the law firm of Lipsey and Skolnick. He practiced law in the  
14 areas of divorce and family law for two years before starting his own successful law firm, with a  
15 concentration in divorce, family law, custody, adoption, personal injury and criminal law; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Pulner was a compassionate and giving man who donated much of his  
17 valuable time doing pro bono work on behalf of the less fortunate, especially families and  
18 children. In recognition of this outstanding service, he received numerous honors and awards  
19 from the Rhode Island Bar Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Pulner also served with distinction as the Solicitor for the Town of

1 Barrington for 35 years, and was an esteemed legal analyst for many years on various Rhode  
2 Island radio and television programs, including PBS's A Lively Experiment; and

3 WHEREAS, In his free time, Louis Pulner was an avid sports fan who religiously  
4 followed his beloved Patriots, Red Sox and Celtics. He especially enjoyed spending quality time  
5 with family and friends while dining on good food, and loved attending comedy shows to see the  
6 newest stand-up comics. A Sunday never really began for him until he started the New York  
7 Times Sunday Crossword; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to his mother, Norma, Mr. Pulner is survived by his children  
9 Stephanie Pulner and Andrew Pulner and his wife, Lauren, as well as his grandchildren, Jonathan  
10 and Madeleine Pulner. He also leaves behind his sister, Pamela Pulner, niece Alexa Auerbach,  
11 and his chosen family, Stacey and Eugene Mihaly; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
13 expresses condolences on the passing of Louis M. Pulner, Esq. May his memory be a blessing for  
14 all who knew and loved him; 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 Norma Ryan, Stephanie Pulner, Andrew Pulner  
17 and Pamela Pulner.

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