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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANGELO A. PADULA,  
SR.

Introduced By: Representatives P Morgan, Serpa, Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski,  
Filippi, Shallcross Smith, Fellela, Fogarty, and Cortvriend

Date Introduced: June 21, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Angelo  
2 A. Padula, Sr., the beloved husband of 71 years to Frances Padula. He was a lifelong resident of  
3 West Warwick, and the second youngest of nine children born to Luigi and Enrichetta Padula;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Padula was a member of the “Greatest Generation” and a deeply  
6 patriotic man who served our nation with courage and bravery as a member of the United States  
7 Army during World War II. He served with distinction as a Combat Medic under General  
8 Patton’s command; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Padula saw intense combat during World War II in the Atlantic  
10 European Theater. He served on the frontlines in the Ardennes Forest of Belgium and fought  
11 during the Siege of Bastogne and other skirmishes during the Battle of the Bulge. He was also  
12 stationed in the Rhineland and the Aleutian Islands; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Padula was honorably discharged from the United States Army in  
14 September of 1945. In recognition of his important service to our nation, he was awarded the  
15 Good Conduct Medal, the European, African and Middle Eastern Theater campaign ribbons, the  
16 Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon and other military awards and honors; and

17 WHEREAS, After World War II, Mr. Padula met the love of his life, Frances, and they  
18 were married in 1950. Together they raised two children and were the proud grandparents of four;  
19 and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Padula was a successful businessman. He founded Padula Brothers in  
2 1950, now known as Angelo Padula & Son Inc. Salvage Yard, after his son Angelo joined the  
3 company, a business they ran together for fifty years; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Padula was a kind, generous and big-hearted man. There are many  
5 people in West Warwick who tell stories of him helping people keep their cars on the road, even  
6 when they did not have any money, thanks to his generosity in giving them the parts they needed  
7 at no cost; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Padula was a devoted family man who cherished spending time with his  
9 wife and children. He loved tending to his garden with his wife by his side, and spending an  
10 afternoon with family and friends sharing good food and conversation. He also enjoyed being  
11 involved with youth sports and coaching, and sponsoring his children's basketball and softball  
12 teams; and

13           WHEREAS, In addition to his wife Frances, Mr. Padula leaves behind his children,  
14 Angelo A. Padula, Jr., and his wife, Penny, and Carlene Marchessault and her husband, Steven,  
15 and his grandchildren, Ashley Hughes, Brittany Hughes, Zachary Padula, and Nicole  
16 Marchessault. Mr. Padula was the brother of the late Domenic, Giuseppe, Joseph, John, Ralph,  
17 Anthony and Michael Padula, and Lucy Parente, and is survived by many nieces and nephews;  
18 now, therefore be it

19           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
20 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Angelo A. Padula, Sr.; and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Frances Padula and Family.

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