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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 CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE CHARLES  
"TED" WRIGHT**

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, McEntee, Fogarty, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: June 18, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Charles  
2 "Ted" Wright. Known affectionately as "Mr. Narragansett" by his many friends, Ted was both a  
3 well-known and well-respected fixture within town and state government, a local businessman,  
4 and a dedicated volunteer who donated his time and talents to numerous charitable organizations;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, Ted was the son of the late William and Sarah Wright and brother of Zella  
7 Westcott, Ruth McQuade, Kenneth Wright, Janet Wilson and the late Warren Wright, Kay  
8 Sherman and John Wright. For sixty-five years, he was the devoted husband of Barbara Wright,  
9 and the loving father of Terrie Quinn and her husband, David, and the late Paul Hoxsie, Penne  
10 Drugan and her husband Richard, Sr., and Cindy Rose and her husband, Earl. He was also the  
11 very proud grandfather of Michelle Hoxsie-Quinn, Richard Drugan, Jr., Amy Meyer, Garth  
12 Hoxsie-Quinn, Jeremiah Rose, Tracie Quinn, Ryan Drugan, and five great grandchildren; and

13           WHEREAS, A hard-working man, who possessed an abundance of business acumen, Ted  
14 was the owner of Wrights Rubbish Removal, Wrights British Taxi and Double Decker Bus, the  
15 Bagpiper Smoke Shoppe, and the South County Trolley; and

16           WHEREAS, An active member of the community, Ted was named Town Sergeant in  
17 1958, and was a member of the Narragansett Lions Club, the Democratic Town Committee, the  
18 Narragansett Senior Center, the Narragansett Notables, the Narragansett Historical Society, and  
19 the Towers Committee; and

1           WHEREAS, Charles Ted Wright was elected to the Rhode Island House of  
2 Representatives in 1972, and served his Narragansett constituents with honor and integrity from  
3 1973 to 1983. He was well respected by his colleagues in the House and was selected to serve  
4 them as Deputy Majority Leader and later as Speaker Pro Tempore; and

5           WHEREAS, Ted Wright was also elected to the Narragansett Town Council and was  
6 elected Town Council President in 1992; and

7           WHEREAS, In addition, Ted lent his time and had generously donated the use of his  
8 trolley to the Narragansett Historical Society, where he also served as a Consulting Historian; and

9           WHEREAS, Ted Wright was a generous and steadfast gentleman who left this world a  
10 far better place because of his life's endeavors. He enriched the lives of all who knew him and  
11 "his charming smile and charismatic personality" will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

12           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
13 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of the Honorable  
14 Charles "Ted" Wright; and be it further

15           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Barbara Wright and Family.

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