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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE
JAMES JOSEPH SPEARMAN**

Introduced By: Senator Leonidas P. Raptakis

Date Introduced: May 03, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of the
2 Honorable James Joseph Spearman of Coventry. He was the devoted husband of Audrey
3 Spearman for fifty-eight years; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Spearman was the son of the late James and Agnes Spearman. He
5 graduated from LaSalle Academy in 1959 and proceeded to serve our nation with distinction in
6 the United States Army with the rank of SP4; and

7 WHEREAS, After receiving his honorable discharge from the Army, Mr. Spearman
8 became the proprietor of a Pepperidge Farms franchise for more than seventeen years. He later
9 became a realtor for the Century 21 Towne Crier Agency in Coventry where he excelled and
10 achieved numerous sales goals and awards thanks to his tireless work ethic and business acumen;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Spearman was also a dedicated public servant who served on the
13 Coventry Town Council for eighteen years, and had served as a Past Vice President. Most
14 currently, he was serving as the Town Sergeant of Coventry; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Spearman was involved in youth baseball in Coventry for many years,
16 and served as a Coach and President of the Coventry Babe Ruth League for forty-seven years. He
17 also established and coached in the Central Coventry Little League, founded the Coventry
18 Basketball Association, and served as a Cub Scouts Master; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Audrey, Mr. Spearman leaves behind his children,

1 Colleen Printer and her husband, Timothy, James Spearman, Michael Spearman and his wife,
2 Catherine, and was the proud grandfather of Timothy Printer and his wife, Erika, Kathryn Printer,
3 Ethan Spearman, William Spearman, Ella Spearman, and Mary Spearman. He was also the
4 brother of Maureen Jordan; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest
6 condolences on the passing of James Joseph Spearman; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Audrey Spearman and Family.

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