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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF DAVID  
LOUIS CUNHA

Introduced By: Senators Archambault, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Lombardo, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: January 20, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, As parents, we all hope and believe that the life of a young person holds the  
2 promise of bright tomorrows and soon to be climbed summits, and so it is with utmost sadness  
3 that this Senate learned of the untimely passing of David Louis Cunha, the beloved son of Peter  
4 and Cheryl Cunha; and

5           WHEREAS, David was blessed with the love of his large extended family. He was the  
6 dearly loved maternal grandson of the late Louis and Rosalie Mele, and the cherished paternal  
7 grandson of William A. Cunha Sr., and his companion, Beverly Chappron, and the late Barbara  
8 Cunha. He also leaves several aunts, uncles, cousins, and many, many friends; and

9           WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Smithfield High School, where he had been a  
10 member of the National Honor Society, David enrolled at Rhode Island College where he was a  
11 junior majoring in Mass Media Communications; and

12           WHEREAS, An active, caring, and articulate young man, David had volunteered for  
13 many charitable causes including the Matty Fund, A Wish Come True, the Special Olympics,  
14 Best Buddies, and the Providence Back to School Celebration. In addition, he had served as a  
15 page for the Rhode Island State Senate for the past six years for Senator Stephen Archambault  
16 and previously for former Senator Tassoni, and had been an intern in the Office of the General  
17 Treasurer; and

18           WHEREAS, David possessed a vibrant and courageous spirit. He loved sports, life, and  
19 his family and his friends, particularly his best buds, Nick Patrie and Karina Raposa. He had

1 been the captain of the Save-the-Bay Beach Cleanup and was a participant in the Smithfield  
2 Police Explorer Academy. He had also been an alter server at St. Michael's Church as well as an  
3 Assistant CCD teacher, and member of the church CYO Basketball Team; and

4 WHEREAS, The most fitting tribute to David Cunha would be a celebration of his life, a  
5 life in which each and every day was lived fully and joyfully embraced. He was fortunate to  
6 have always enjoyed the total love and support of his family, and in return he enriched the lives  
7 of all around him. He will be dearly missed and always remembered; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
9 hereby expresses our heartfelt condolences to the entire Cunha Family on the passing of David  
10 Louis Cunha; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Peter and Cheryl Cunha.

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