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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROSCOE H. HIGGINS

Introduced By: Senator Valarie J. Lawson

Date Introduced: February 14, 2024

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Roscoe
2 H. Higgins of Riverside, the beloved husband of Susan Higgins for 35 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Roscoe Higgins was born in Providence, a son of the late Roscoe and Olive
4 Higgins. He was a lifelong East Providence resident and in his younger days, was a skilled
5 motorcycle mechanic and accomplished competitor in many classes of motorcycle racing; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Higgins was a devoted family man who always put his loved ones first
7 in his life. He worked for twenty years as a mechanic for the East Providence School Department,
8 and was a hard-working man who strove tirelessly every day to provide for his family; and

9 WHEREAS, For his entire life, Mr. Higgins was passionate about animals, especially his
10 beloved beagles, whom he loved dearly. He was a licensed American Kennel Club (AKC) Field
11 Trial Judge, and also competed in AKC field trials. He was an active member of the Tri-County
12 Beagle Club and served as the President of the Thornton Beagle Club. He won many awards,
13 including multiple field championships, in his 25 years of competition; and

14 WHEREAS, In his retirement, Mr. Higgins enjoyed freshwater fishing and discovered a
15 new passion, that of cooking. He mastered numerous complex dishes, such as venison marsala
16 and stuffed quahogs, which he shipped to other locations, including as far away as Colorado. He
17 took great joy in sharing his passion for cooking with his family and many friends and was
18 always a warm and gracious host; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Mr. Higgins leaves behind his son, Keith Higgins,
20 and his partner, Kimberly Flowers, and his daughter, Shannan Higgins and her husband, Raul

1 Tamayo. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Aidan and Ariana, and two sisters, Joann Gillet
2 and Lorrie Higgins. He was also the brother of the late Frank Higgins; and

3 WHEREAS, Roscoe H. Higgins was a shining star whose light burned brightly within the
4 lives of his family and many friends, and he will long live on in the memories and hearts of all
5 who knew and loved him; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its
7 condolences on the passing of Roscoe H. Higgins; and be it further

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

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