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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT AND UNITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE AND
EXTENDING PROFOUND SYMPATHIES TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO DIED IN
THE TRAGIC TERRORISTS ATTACKS IN PARIS, FRANCE

Introduced By: Senators Sheehan, Cote, Picard, Archambault, and Ottiano

Date Introduced: January 13, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the unspeakable
2 attacks that have taken the lives of seventeen innocent people in France; and

3 WHEREAS, In the worst terrorist assault to occur in France in more than 50 years, a
4 three-day killing spree by radical Islamists began on Wednesday, January 7th, 2015, resulting in
5 bloodshed at the satirical magazine Charlie Hebdo, a deadly hostage drama in a Jewish
6 supermarket on Friday, and at other sites around Paris; and

7 WHEREAS, The entire world looked on, with empathy for the plight of the innocent
8 individuals and their families, and with support for police and leaders in France who were trying
9 desperately to understand, cope with, and put an end to the nightmarish ordeal; and

10 WHEREAS, Around the world, when the enemies of freedom perpetrate horrific acts of
11 violence against innocent people, the nations and people of the free world will not be divided by
12 fear or religious differences but rather, we will reaffirm our hopes and commitment to living in
13 peace and respecting each other despite any differences; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby stands with the French people and all free and just people around the world with support
16 and unity in the fight to defend and uphold freedom of the press and against terrorist acts; and be
17 it further

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby offers our deepest sympathy and prayers to the
19 families and friends of the seventeen lives lost during the tragic events in France; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of France François Hollande,
3 Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and the office of Charlie Hebdo.

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