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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JAMES J. KENNEY

Introduced By: Representative Peter F. Martin

Date Introduced: January 10, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House of Representatives has learned of the
2 passing of James J. (Jim) Kenney, a resident and well-respected citizen of Newport; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Newport to the late Martin A. and Mary (McMahon) Kenney, Jim
4 was the devoted husband of the late Marie (Murphy) Kenney, the loving father of Sr. Margaret
5 Kenney, SSJ, Marie Thompson, James J. Kenney, Jr., Martin Kenney, and Alice Hamilton and
6 brother to Sr. Alice Kenney, SSJ, and the late Edward Kenney. Jim was the proud grandfather of
7 twelve grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, Jim established strong ties to the community, graduating from De La Salle
9 Academy in 1931, and going on to a long career as a machinist for the Newport Naval Torpedo
10 Station; and

11 WHEREAS, Demonstrating a strong sense of civic duty, Jim became a longstanding
12 member of the Newport Knights of Columbus and the Tennis Hall of Fame; and

13 WHEREAS, The natural beauty and charm of Newport kept him on Aquidneck Island,
14 which turned out to be the ideal place for Jim to indulge his love of tennis, the beach, and jazz
15 music; and

16 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of Jim,
17 so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which he lived every day of his life;
18 now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
20 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to those that knew and loved

1 him, on the passing of James J. Kenney; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Sr. Margaret Kenney, SSJ, Marie Thompson,

4 James J. Kenney, Jr., Martin Kenney, and Alice Hamilton.

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