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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**EXPRESSING SINCERE AND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE
HONORABLE AUGUSTO W. SAOBENTO, ESQ.**

Introduced By: Representatives San Bento, Fox, E Coderre, Melo, and Malik

Date Introduced: January 11, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness and regret that this House has learned of the passing
2 of Augusto W. SaoBento, Esq., an individual of talent, intelligence, and integrity who devoted
3 much of his life in service to the people of the State of Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Pawtucket, Augusto SaoBento, known as Gus to his family and
5 many friends, was educated at Marieville Grammar School and North Providence High School.
6 He served our country with honor in the United States Army as a military police officer during
7 World War II, and upon discharge returned to school, receiving his A.B. from Providence College
8 and his LL.B. from Boston University Law School; and

9 WHEREAS, Gus was the devoted husband of Carmela (Reale) SaoBento for forty-six
10 years, and of the late Marie (Olivo) SaoBento. He was the beloved father of Dennis SaoBento
11 and his wife, Marie, and Cara Boyce and her husband, John. He was also the proud grandfather
12 of four, Alex, Olivia, Jack, and Katelyn Boyce, and the brother of Zita Lanni, and of the late
13 Judge Antonio SaoBento Jr., and the late William SanBento; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to maintaining a flourishing private law practice as an attorney
15 in East Providence for more than 50 years, Gus was a former member of the Rhode Island
16 General Assembly, serving the people of the City of East Providence in the House of
17 Representatives from 1957 until 1965. A genuinely good man, Gus was dedicated to his
18 constituency and committed to the betterment of his community; and

19 WHEREAS, Gus had a natural feel for politics and an instinctive command of

1 governance. In 1966, he was appointed to the Legislative Council Office serving the General
2 Assembly, and in 1974, was promoted to Assistant Director of Legislative Research. In 1977, he
3 was named Legal Council for Speaker Manning, later serving in the same capacity under Speaker
4 Smith until his retirement in 1986; and

5 WHEREAS, Gus had also been active in the state as a member of the Disabled American
6 Veteran's Association, the East Providence Democratic Town Committee, East Providence
7 Council, Knights of Columbus, the American, Federal, and Rhode Island Bar Associations,
8 Chairman of the Third Representative District Committee, and a Delegate to the 1955
9 Constitutional Convention; and

10 WHEREAS, A resident of Touisset Point in Warren for twenty-five years, Gus also
11 maintained a residence in Pompano Beach, Florida, for twenty-five years. He served as the
12 former president of the Touisset Point Community Club and was responsible for creating the
13 Touisset Point Water Trust; and

14 WHEREAS, Living his life to the fullest, with good humor and passion, Gus enjoyed
15 being on the water, and would often be found fishing on his boat, the RAMBOA, in his early
16 years. He was an avid golfer, and a member of both the Kirkbrae Country Club in Lincoln and
17 the Montaup Country Club in Portsmouth; and

18 WHEREAS, With the passing of Gus SaoBento, Rhode Island has lost one of her finest
19 citizens and a true gentleman. He left an indelible mark on the lives of those he touched and
20 although his death has left a tremendous void in his community, Mr. SaoBento's memory will
21 live forever in the minds and hearts of his family and friends, and the many citizens who knew
22 and loved him; now, therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
24 Providence Plantations hereby offers our sincere condolences on the passing of The Honorable
25 Augusto W. SaoBento. We furthermore extend true appreciation for his enduring legacy of
26 service and loyalty that will forever continue to be a source of deep pride and honor for his
27 family, as well as former colleagues and his many friends; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
29 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Carmela SaoBento.

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