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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
MICHAEL J. O'ROURKE, SR.**

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Mattiello, Martin, Hull, and Bennett

Date Introduced: January 25, 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 Michael J. O'Rourke, Sr., a resident and well-respected citizen of the City of Warwick
3 who left an indelible impression on everyone he met; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Winnie A. O'Rourke and the late C. Justin O'Rourke, Sr.,
5 Michael was the devoted husband of Laurie O'Rourke, and the loving father of Michael J.
6 O'Rourke, Jr., Christopher K. O'Rourke, and Kara A. O'Rourke. Michael was the brother of John
7 F. O'Rourke and his wife, Donna, and C. Justin O'Rourke, Jr., and his wife, JoAnne and the Uncle
8 of Darcy A., Devin J.F., Kailey W., and Lucas I. O'Rourke; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael had boundless energy, civic commitment, and a love of his Irish
10 heritage. He was a longtime member of the Emerald Society, the Irish Famine Memorial, and the
11 Ceilidhe Club, and served as a member and President of the Ancient Order of Hibernians
12 Division #1 Warwick Chapter, and the Ancient Order of Hibernians State Chapter; and

13 WHEREAS, An outstanding den leader for St. Peter's Pack Four Cub Scouts, Michael
14 showed an indication of his future potential and set the stage for his future success. A devoted
15 husband and loving father who was blessed by his life and achievements, Michael hung the sign
16 "It is a wonderful life" in his establishment O'Rourke's Bar and Grill, truly an indication of how
17 he lived his life; and

18 WHEREAS, Although Michael will be missed by many, his life and achievements will
19 live on for years to come in the memories of everyone fortunate enough to have been touched by

1 the quality of this remarkable gentleman; and

2 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of
3 Michael, so must we celebrate the kindness, understanding, and generosity of spirit with which he
4 lived every day of his life; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
6 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest condolences on the passing of Michael J.
7 O'Rourke, Sr., and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Laurie O'Rourke.

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