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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM A. FOSTER

Introduced By: Senator Dawson T. Hodgson

Date Introduced: February 01, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of William
2 A. Foster. He was the beloved husband of his wife of sixty-four years, Jane, and the longtime
3 publisher, journalist, and owner of the East Greenwich Pendulum; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Foster was a graduate of Northeastern University, where he had earned
5 an English/Journalism degree. His studies were put on hold for 2 1/2 years while he served as a
6 Bombardier in the Army Air Corps; and

7 WHEREAS, Upon completion of his education, Mr. Foster was employed in the
8 advertising field for the next twenty years until 1964, when he and his wife were able to purchase
9 a local newspaper, the East Greenwich Pendulum. Together, they ran the paper for the next
10 twenty years; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Foster was the father of five children, Mark, Anne, John, David, and
12 Beth, the grandfather of ten beautiful grandchildren, and the brother of Claire Hooper. He was
13 predeceased by his brother, Raymond, and his sisters, Viola Foster and Grace Bean. He was also
14 a member of the East Greenwich First Baptist Church; and

15 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that William Foster, a gifted writer and a true gentleman,
16 enriched the lives of all who knew him and he will be sadly missed; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
18 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of William A. Foster; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Jane Foster and Family.

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