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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JUNE GIBBS

Introduced By: Senators Algiere, Paiva Weed, Bates, Ottiano, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: April 12, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness and regret that this Senate has learned of the
2 passing of our dear friend and former colleague, The Honorable June Gibbs, a longtime resident
3 of Middletown, a well respected former member of the Rhode Island Senate, and a truly kind and
4 gracious woman; and

5 WHEREAS, June Gibbs was married to the late Donald Gibbs and together they had
6 been blessed with one daughter, Elizabeth. June also shared a very close and loving relationship
7 with her son-in-law, Eliot, and his children, David and his wife, Suzanne, Christy, and William.
8 She was also the doting and beloved great grandmother of Maggie; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Newton High School and Wellesley College, June
10 served as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy during World War II, and was instrumental in
11 breaking the German submarine codes in Washington, D.C. After her service, she continued her
12 education and received a Master's degree from Boston University; and

13 WHEREAS, Beginning her career as a librarian, June rose to become the Director of the
14 Redwood Library and Athenaeum, retiring after thirty-nine years. In 1974, she was successfully
15 elected to the Middletown Town Council, and earned the distinction of being the very first
16 woman to serve and the first woman President of the Council; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1985, June was elected to the Rhode Island State Senate. Originally
18 representing District 48, which included Middletown and Portsmouth, June was later re-elected to
19 the newly redrawn District 12, which additionally included parts of Little Compton, Newport, and
20 Tiverton. She served as the Senate Deputy Minority Leader from 1985 until leaving the Senate in

1 2008; and

2 WHEREAS, Senator Gibbs was a strong voice and accessible advocate for her
3 constituency and a plethora of local organizations. She was active with Rhode Island Kids Count,
4 the Newport Hospital Ethics Committee, the Rhode Island Foundation's Newport County Fund
5 Advisory Committee, and the state and national Republican parties, where she served as the
6 National Committeewoman and Housing Chairman, and earned the unqualified admiration and
7 respect of all; and

8 WHEREAS, June Gibbs possessed a magnanimous spirit and omnipresent good humor.
9 She represented all that is best in this state and she will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby offers our sincere condolences to her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Eliot, and
12 her entire extended family on the passing of The Honorable June Gibbs; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Elizabeth Gibbs and Eliot Raymond, and
15 Family.

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