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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING JOSEPH A. DOORLEY, JR., FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Jabour, Ciccone, and Perry

Date Introduced: June 06, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Joe Doorley was born and raised in a working-class neighborhood in the  
2 City of Providence. Early on, he understood the importance of education. After graduating from  
3 LaSalle Academy, he attended Notre Dame, where he earned his degree cum laude. He later  
4 attained his Juris Doctor from Boston College, taking courses at night while working a full-time  
5 job teaching; and

6           WHEREAS, After laying the foundation for a future that was filled with promise and  
7 potential, Joe opened a law practice with fellow lawyer, Frank McGee. Soon thereafter, feeling  
8 the pull of politics and public service, Joe joined the staff of the newly elected Governor, John  
9 Notte; and

10           WHEREAS, Joe's success wasn't simply a result of good fortune, but was due in great  
11 measure to his intelligence, his loyalty and honor, and his amazing determination. In 1960, he  
12 became a member of the Democratic City Committee, and in 1962, ran successfully for a City of  
13 Providence Council seat; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1964, at the age of thirty-four, Joe Doorley became the then-youngest  
15 man elected Mayor of the City of Providence. He easily won a second term in office in 1966 and  
16 again in 1970; and

17           WHEREAS, During his tenure in office, Joe was credited with implementing programs  
18 and procedures that tightened the city's bottom line, turned around the city's population decline  
19 and resultant economic losses, set the stage for recovery and renewal, and earned him the

1 appreciative title of “No Dough Joe”; and

2 WHEREAS, June 11<sup>th</sup> is officially being designated as “Joe Doorley Day” in the City of  
3 Providence. In addition, the city is dedicating the Mayor Joseph A. Doorley, Jr., Municipal  
4 Building in his honor. These fitting tributes will serve as permanent reminders of Joe’s spirit of  
5 community and the myriad contributions he has made to the betterment of our capital city; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Doorley has had a significant impact and achieved successes that very  
7 few people would have even dared to imagine, and the Ocean State is proud to honor his  
8 triumphs; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
10 hereby congratulates and applauds The Honorable Joseph Doorley, Jr. We can think of no one  
11 who is more deserving of these honors and distinction than Joe, and we wish him the very best of  
12 health, happiness, and continued success; 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 The Honorable Joseph A. Doorley, Jr.

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