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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOYCE WILLIAMS

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Abney, Martin, Finn, and Canario

Date Introduced: March 28, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of Alice "Joyce"
2 Williams, beloved wife of the late Rev. Robert L. Williams, beloved mother and grandmother,
3 and widely-respected member of the Aquidneck Island community; and

4 WHEREAS, There is a wise axiom that states, "If you want something done, ask a busy
5 person to do it." Never was an adage more apt than in reference to Joyce Williams; and

6 WHEREAS, Known for her myriad of community contributions, Joyce Williams was a
7 force to be reckoned with when she focused her energies on a noble cause. She served as
8 President of the Newport County chapter of the NAACP and was a trustee of the Community
9 Baptist Church in Newport; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to her community efforts, Ms. Williams had been employed as a
11 top executive assistant at McLaughlin Research Corporation for more than three decades, retiring
12 two years ago; and

13 WHEREAS, Joyce Williams was adored by family and friends, who lovingly described
14 her as "a God fearing woman of intelligence, strength, compassion, and love. She had a stature
15 that was larger than life and will be missed by all who knew her"; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby extends its deepest sympathy on the passing of Joyce Williams;
18 and be it further

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

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