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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JAMES P. BOTELHO

Introduced By: Representatives Ucci, Canario, Gallison, Edwards, and Finn

Date Introduced: July 01, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness and regret that this House of Representatives has
2 learned of the passing of James "Jim" P. Botelho, a man who touched the lives of many
3 throughout his life and career; and

4 WHEREAS, James was born in Newport, RI, and was a lifelong resident of Aquidneck
5 Island. He was the son of the late Louis and Irene (Piver) Botelho, and brother to Joseph Botelho,
6 the late Everett, Louis, Edward, Frank, and Anthony Botelho, and the late Virginia Mederios, the
7 late Ethel Matthews, the late Irene Marcucci-Smith, and the late Beatrice Daponte; and

8 WHEREAS, James leaves behind his lifelong friend and wife, Patricia Ann (Sullivan)
9 Botelho, to whom he was married for 57 gracious years; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Patricia, James also leaves behind his three children,
11 James D. Botelho, Patricia Lynn Botelho, and Judith Ann Costa and her husband, Frank, and his
12 grandchildren, Stephanie Lynn Ferreira, Justin Wells, Adam Wasilewski, Alex Wasilewski, and
13 Tyler Allot, and great grandchildren, Kyle Oliviera, Jacob Oliviera, Mia Oliviera, and Leah
14 Ferreira; and

15 WHEREAS, A driven individual even at a young age, James started working at the age of
16 nine as a shoe shine boy on the long wharf of Newport. He was later employed at the Columbus
17 Bakery and then at the Newport Gas Company, where he was a meter reader. In 1966, James
18 opened the Colonial Ice Cream Parlor, which he ran along with his wife and children until 1985;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, James never failed to serve and strengthen his community. He served in the

1 United States Navy and was stationed in Newport for three years. He also served his church, Saint
2 Barnabas, as a communicant and active participant. James was a proud member of the Newport
3 Knights of Columbus, where he ran the renowned Portuguese Night at the K of C Hall in
4 Newport, was eager to volunteer during the holidays, and could even be found behind the grill at
5 the Maher Center cookouts. James had the distinct honor of being named Grand Knight in 1990;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, James was always happy to lend a hand to his neighbors and friends, trusted
8 as a person to talk to or to spend time with, and also as a reliable plumber who stood ready
9 whenever there was a leaky faucet or sink to be fixed; and

10 WHEREAS, Welcoming and warm to every person he met, James always opened his
11 doors to friends and family and was more than eager to host holiday parties and special events;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, A remarkable and gracious man whose giving heart and omnipresent spirit
14 greatly enriched the lives of his family, friends, and anyone that had the genuine honor of
15 knowing him, James' life was filled with good deeds and good times. He represented all that is
16 best in Newport and in our state, and will be sadly missed and fondly remembered for his grace,
17 humor, and faith; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
19 Providence Plantations hereby offers its sincere condolences to the family and many friends of
20 James (Jim) P. Botelho; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Patricia Ann (Sullivan) Botelho.

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