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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHIES ON THE TRAGIC LOSS OF LIFE FROM THE  
SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOOTING IN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Hodgson, Kettle, Algiere, and Cote

Date Introduced: January 08, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of twenty  
2 young children, Charlotte Bacon, Daniel Barden, Olivia Engel, Josephine Gay, Ana Marquez-  
3 Greene, Dylan Hockley, Madeleine Hsu, Catherine Hubbard, Chase Kowalski, Jesse Lewis,  
4 James Mattioli, Grace McDonnell, Emilie Parker, Jack Pinto, Noah Pozner, Caroline Previdi,  
5 Jessica Rekos, Avielle Richman, Benjamin Wheeler, and Allison Wyatt, and six teachers and  
6 staff members, Rachel DaVino, Dawn Hochsprung, Anne Marie Murphy, Lauren Russo, Mary  
7 Sherlach, and Victoria Soto, who were tragically killed at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in  
8 Newtown, Connecticut; and

9           WHEREAS, In the early morning hours of Friday, December 14th, 2012, shortly after the  
10 beginning-of-school bell sounded, shots rang out in the halls of the Sandy Hook Elementary  
11 School. As the news unfolded, the entire world watched in shock, empathizing with the plight of  
12 frightened parents and family members, and praying for a merciful conclusion to the nightmarish  
13 ordeal; and

14           WHEREAS, Ultimately, the unimaginable occurred when a lone gunman shot and killed  
15 twenty beautiful and cherished, innocent little six- and seven-year-olds and six of the dedicated  
16 teachers and staff working at the school. In a profoundly heartrending journey of spiritual and  
17 corporeal loss, these twenty-six souls lost their futures and their lives; and

18           WHEREAS, To the parents who faced the unnatural and unimaginable act of burying  
19 their children, to the husbands who are forever separated from their wives, to the children who

1 lost their mothers, sisters or brothers, and to a community that lost its innocence and trust, know  
2 that the citizens of Rhode Island and indeed millions of people across the country mourn with  
3 you; and

4 WHEREAS, These twenty-six individuals enriched the lives of all who knew them and  
5 they will be dearly missed and always remembered; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
7 hereby offers our deepest sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of those killed at the  
8 Sandy Hook Elementary School; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the families of Charlotte Bacon, Daniel Barden,  
11 Olivia Engel, Josephine Gay, Ana Marquez-Greene, Dylan Hockley, Madeleine Hsu, Catherine  
12 Hubbard, Chase Kowalski, Jesse Lewis, James Mattioli, Grace McDonnell, Emilie Parker, Jack  
13 Pinto, Noah Pozner, Caroline Previdi, Jessica Rekos, Avielle Richman, Benjamin Wheeler,  
14 Allison Wyatt, Rachel DaVino, Dawn Hochsprung, Anne Marie Murphy, Lauren Russo, Mary  
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