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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FORMER RHODE ISLAND STATE
SENATOR, THE HONORABLE WALTER J. MRUK, SR.

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Kettle, Walaska, Paiva Weed, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: February 13, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness and regret that this Senate has learned of the
2 passing of The Honorable Walter J. Mruk, Sr., a longtime resident of the Town of Coventry, a
3 charismatic gentleman, and a well-respected former member of the Rhode Island State Senate;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Coventry, Mr. Mruk had been married to the late Claire R. Mruk for
6 sixty-two years. He was the father of Walter Mruk, Jr., Sandra Murphy, and the late Kevin Mruk;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Mruk had attended school in Coventry. He later served our country in
9 the Merchant Marines during World War II and had been employed for many years as a liquor
10 store operator; and

11 WHEREAS, Elected to the Rhode Island Senate in November of 1974, The Honorable
12 Walter Mruk served his constituency in the Town of Coventry from 1975 until 1984. Highly
13 respected by his peers, he was Chairman of the Rhode Island Lottery Commission and served as
14 Deputy Majority Leader; and

15 WHEREAS, Dedicated to serving the community, Mr. Mruk had been the Treasurer of
16 the Coventry Town Committee, was a Coventry Councilman, and was a member of the town's
17 Building Committee, Planning Board, and Industrial Commission; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Mruk was a member of myriad social and community
19 organizations including being a charter member of the West-Greenwich-Coventry Elks, a member

1 of the Gibson Council Knights of Columbus and the Polish American Citizens Club, and a
2 parishioner of St. James Church; and

3 WHEREAS, Walter Mruk consistently demonstrated an abiding dedication to serving the
4 best interests of the people of Coventry and our state. He represented all that is best in public
5 service and he will be missed; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby offers its sincere condolences on the passing of The Honorable Walter J. Mruk, Sr.; and be
8 it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mr. Walter Mruk, Jr., and Ms. Sandra Murphy.

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