

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOYCE WILLIAMS

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Metts, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: April 03, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

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 Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
17 hereby extends its deepest sympathy on the passing of Joyce Williams; 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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