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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE
JOHN JOSEPH "JACK" CROWLEY, JR.

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, DiPalma, Metts, Pichardo, and Felag

Date Introduced: May 20, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of the
2 Honorable John Joseph "Jack" Crowley Jr., 71, of Newport, Rhode Island, on May 16, 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, John Crowley, better known as "Jack" by his friends and family, was born
4 in Newport, Rhode Island, in 1943, son of the late John and Adele (McClanahan) Crowley. He
5 attended St. Joseph's School and graduated from De La Salle Academy in 1961. He was
6 employed by the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority for thirty years before retiring in 2011.
7 He had previously worked as a journeyman plumber for Donovan Bros. and Electric Boat; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Crowley was a lifelong Democrat who loved and served his native City
9 of Newport, with honor, devotion and integrity. He was elected to serve as a Newport City
10 Council member, representing the First Ward, from 1986 to 1992. He was also a member of the
11 Democratic City Committee and was a State Committeeman. He further served the citizens of
12 Newport as a member of the Zoning Board of Review, on the Board of Directors of the Newport
13 County YMCA, and as a Commissioner of the Newport Housing Authority; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Crowley was a Past Grand Knight of the Newport/Middletown Knights
15 of Columbus, Council 256, and was a past Faithful Navigator of the General Rosecrans Assembly
16 of the 4th degree Knights of Columbus. He loved to travel, explore his Irish heritage, and collect
17 political memorabilia; and

18 WHEREAS, Jack Crowley leaves behind his wife of 43 years, Patricia Crowley, his
19 children, Linda Nannini, and her husband Steve, Karen Crowley, Joanne Ferretti, and her husband

1 James, Cathleen Crowley, and John Crowley, III, and his wife Vicki. He also leaves behind his
2 grandchildren, Lauren Case, and her husband Justin, Zachary Crowley, Danielle Nannini, Ike,
3 Oscar and Emmett Yob, and Maren, McKenna, and John Patrick Crowley, and his great-
4 grandchildren, Dillon and Abigail Case. In addition, he leaves behind his brother, Dennis P.
5 Crowley, and was predeceased by his brother Michael F. Crowley and sister Margaret Ann
6 Hanna; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby expresses its deepest condolences to the Crowley family on the passing of John Joseph
9 "Jack" Crowley, Jr.; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Patricia Crowley.

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