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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 TO THE LENIHAN FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF THE
HONORABLE J. MICHAEL LENIHAN**

Introduced By: Representatives Giarrusso, Costa, Marcello, Naughton, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: March 03, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this body has learned of the passing of J.
2 Michael Lenihan, February 28, 2015, in the company of his beloved family. He was a
3 distinguished public servant who will be sorely missed by all who knew him; and

4 WHEREAS, J. Michael Lenihan was born in 1943 and graduated from Scituate High
5 School, Rhode Island College and Brown University. He was a school teacher by profession and
6 taught English at Scituate Junior-Senior High School. He had a remarkable ability to connect with
7 students and make positive impressions on them that lasted a lifetime; and

8 WHEREAS, J. Michael Lenihan began his exemplary public service career when he was
9 elected to the East Greenwich Town Council in 1974, serving on the Council from 1974 to 1980,
10 and from 1984 to 1990. He also served as the East Greenwich Town Council President from 1978
11 to 1980, and as the Vice-President from 1988 to 1990; and

12 WHEREAS, J. Michael Lenihan was elected to serve in the Rhode Island State Senate in
13 1990, and went on to serve his constituents with honor and integrity in that body from 1991 to
14 2011. He was a well-respected and articulate legislator who passionately believed in open
15 government and worked tirelessly in support of that cause. He was instrumental in the eventual
16 passing of Separation of Powers legislation. He also passionately believed in protecting the
17 environment and being good stewards of our natural resources. His colleagues will remember him
18 for being a thoughtful advocate who fought tirelessly for the causes he believed in, while at the
19 same time always engaging with his peers and the members of the public with dignity, humor,

1 kindness and charity; and

2 WHEREAS, J. Michael Lenihan leaves behind his wife, Patricia Lenihan, his daughter,
3 Meghan Lenihan and son-in-law Todd, his sister, Martha Lenihan-Lavieri and her husband, Jon,
4 and his granddaughters, Victoria and Bryanna; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
6 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its condolences to the Lenihan Family on the passing of
7 The Honorable J. Michael Lenihan; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Patricia Lenihan and Ms. Meghan Lenihan
10 and Family.

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