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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JEANETTE KATHERINE
KENNEDY

Introduced By: Senators Algiere, Morgan, Walaska, Paiva Weed, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: January 08, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Jeanette
2 Katherine Kennedy, devoted wife of Ronald Kennedy, and the loving mother of Kevin John
3 Kennedy and his wife, Janet, our friend and colleague the Honorable Representative Brian Patrick
4 Kennedy, Tracey Anne Kennedy and her husband, Ronald, and Erin Beth Celico and her
5 husband, Robert; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Southbridge, Massachusetts, to the late John and Albina Swirbliss,
7 Mrs. Kennedy is survived by her twin brother John Swirbliss, and was predeceased by her three
8 sisters, Theresa Morse, Barbara Fish, and Wilma Swirbliss; and

9 WHEREAS, For much of her life, Mrs. Kennedy fought a courageous battle with
10 polycystic kidney disease, as did her three sisters, but her resolve and determination in the face of
11 this adversity was inspirational; and

12 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Mary Wells High School, Mrs. Kennedy received a
13 diploma from Worcester Memorial Hospital and became a registered nurse in Worcester. She
14 later worked in the obstetrical unit at Westerly Hospital until her marriage to Ronald Kennedy on
15 October 11th of 1958; and

16 WHEREAS, Jeannette Kennedy's loving personality created and nurtured a marriage that
17 flourished, and a home that was warm and welcoming. She doted on her family, and particularly
18 enjoyed attending school events, and spending time with and hearing of the accomplishments of
19 her five beautiful grandchildren, Drew Kennedy Prouty, Ronald John Kennedy, Nicholas

1 Alexander Celico, Jonathan Thomas Celico and Gabriella Anne Celico; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to her family life, Mrs. Kennedy was a past member of the
3 Ashaway Junior Homemakers Club and enjoyed gardening and cooking; and

4 WHEREAS, Our thoughts and hearts hold great empathy and sorrow for Mrs. Kennedy's
5 family. She was a thoughtful, creative and compassionate woman, a loving wife, a wonderful
6 mother and devoted grandmother, and ever faithful in her relationship with God. She enriched the
7 lives of all who knew her and will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Jeanette Katherine Kennedy; and be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Kevin John Kennedy, Representative Brian
13 Patrick Kennedy, Tracey Anne Kennedy, and Erin Beth Celico.

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