

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROBERT A. CROWLEY

Introduced By: Senator Nicholas D. Kettle

Date Introduced: March 11, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Robert
2 A. Crowley, the loving husband of fifty-two years to his wife, Sheryl, and the devoted father of
3 Merritt Crowley. He is also survived by his beloved grandson, Zachary Robert Crowley-Barros,
4 and Zachary's dad, our friend and colleague, Representative Jean Philippe Barros, and his
5 brother-in-law, Kevin Exley and his wife, Carol; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Robert Crowley was the son of the late Clarence and
7 Edith Crowley, and the brother of Marjorie Schlak. He was a lifelong resident of Scituate and a
8 graduate of Scituate High School. He had attended the University of Rhode Island and continued
9 his education, graduating from the National Mortgage School at Ohio State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Well respected in the industry, Mr. Crowley had worked in banking for
11 forty-four years, earning the title of Executive Vice President of Commercial Lending at Citizens
12 Bank before retiring in 2004; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to an abundance of business acumen, Mr. Crowley also
14 possessed an equal measure of compassion. He regularly volunteered at the Boston soup kitchen
15 and was an active and long-time member of the Boards of The Key Program and its affiliated
16 foundation, Alternatives for Youth; and

17 WHEREAS, Always an active and contributing member of the community, Mr. Crowley
18 served on the Scituate Town Council for ten years, four of which he was elected as President, and
19 was a member of the original RI Convention Center Authority, the Quonset Development
20 Corporation, the Roger Williams Family Association, and the North Scituate Baptist Church; and

1 WHEREAS, Upon his retirement, one of Bob Crowley's greatest joys was spending time
2 with his grandson, Zach. He became active with the Boy Scouts again in order to spend time with
3 Zach, and took particular pleasure in his annual family trip to Bermuda with Sheryl, Merritt and
4 Zach, and two special trips with Sheryl and Zach, to Alaska, and later to Normandy, London, and
5 Paris. He was also an avid sports fan who followed the Red Sox, New England Patriots and URI
6 Rams basketball; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert Crowley was a man of integrity and humor, who was blessed with
8 the love of his family and the trust and respect of his friends. He enriched the lives of all who
9 knew him and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Robert A. Crowley; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Sheryl Crowley and Family.

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