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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF HELEN FAIRBROTHER MORONEY

Introduced By: Senators P Fogarty, Paiva Weed, Gallo, Metts, and Felag

Date Introduced: March 31, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Helen Fairbrother Moroney, beloved wife of the late John Moroney, and a well-respected
3 member of the Burrillville community; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Moroney was born and raised in Pascoag, and always maintained a
5 special place in her heart for the village. She was preceded in death by her three brothers, Gordon,
6 John, and Edward, and is survived by her sisters-in-law, Pauline Laprade Fairbrother and Cecile
7 Fairbrother. She was also the devoted aunt of many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great
8 nephews who will forever remember spending summers with their Aunt Helen at "the lake"; and

9 WHEREAS, As a young woman, Mrs. Moroney worked for Senator Theodore Green in
10 Washington, D.C., and for Governor Notte in Rhode Island. She was a delegate to the Democratic
11 National Convention for President John F. Kennedy and was later employed in the Office of
12 Legislative Council; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Moroney was also very active on a number of local boards and
14 committees including being a member of the Blackstone Valley Tourism Council, a longtime
15 member of the Burrillville Democratic Town Committee, and serving as the President of the
16 Board of Trustees of the Pascoag Public Library, where she was a driving force behind the
17 awarding of a grant that funded the expansion of the library; and

18 WHEREAS, In honor of her many contributions and efforts on behalf of the library, the
19 new wing of the Pascoag Public Library was dedicated to Mrs. Moroney and, in recognition of all
20 she had done to make the Blackstone Valley a tourist destination, she was inducted into the

1 William Blackstone Society; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to her community service, Mrs. Moroney and her husband
3 owned and operated the Ocean View Hotel on Block Island for many years and started Echo Lake
4 Campground in 1955, which has been running for over 60 years; and

5 WHEREAS, The most fitting tribute to Helen Moroney is a celebration of her life, a life
6 in which each and every day was lived fully and joyfully embraced. She was fortunate to have
7 always enjoyed the total love and support of her family, and in return, she brightened and
8 enriched the lives of all around her. Helen Moroney was the beloved matriarch of her family and
9 she will be dearly missed and forever remembered; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby expresses our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Helen Moroney; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Pauline Laprade Fairbrother and Family, and
14 Cecile Fairbrother and Family.

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