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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FRANCIS HENRY
SMITH**

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Gee, Morgan, Coyne, and Metts

Date Introduced: April 01, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Francis
2 Henry Smith, the loving husband for thirty years to Mary Ellen Smith, and the devoted father of
3 Emily Florence Smith, Patrick Henry Smith and his wife, Jillian, John Henry Smith, Matthew
4 Henry Smith, and Benjamin Henry Smith; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was the son of the late Robert and Thelma Smith and the brother
6 of Madonna Smith, Roberta M. Bloomer and her husband, William, and the late Marjorie
7 Garrahan. He was also the uncle of several nieces and nephews; and

8 WHEREAS, Although born in Providence, Mr. Smith grew up in Smithfield, and was a
9 graduate of La Salle Academy. He continued his education, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree
10 from Rhode Island College, and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Suffolk
11 University. He had been employed as the Executive Director of the Smith Hill Community
12 Development Corporation; and

13 WHEREAS, Active in his faith, Mr. Smith was a parishioner at St. Pius V Church, and
14 during his youth, had been a member of St. Philip Church. He was a well-respected and widely-
15 admired member of the community and had spent much of his adult life volunteering and serving
16 in leadership positions for numerous nonprofit groups; and

17 WHEREAS, Francis Smith was blessed with the love of his family and many friends,
18 and in return, he gave back to others with sincere generosity and an open heart, and he will be
19 sadly missed; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Francis Henry Smith, and even though
3 we are diminished by this loss and mourn his passing, so must we celebrate the spirit and
4 kindness with which he lived every day of his life; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith and family.

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