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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ROCCO A.  
QUATTROCCHI

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, McCaffrey, Paiva Weed, and Algieri

Date Introduced: April 14, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with sadness and profound sympathy that this Senate mourns the  
2 passing on April 10, 2015, of our venerated former colleague, Rocco A. Quattrocchi, the beloved  
3 husband of the late Dolores Quattrocchi, and the loving father of Joseph A. Quattrocchi and his  
4 wife, Barbara, Cynthia A. Quattrocchi, and the late John J.M. Quattrocchi. He is also survived by  
5 his cherished grandchildren, Charles Ruggerio and his wife, Jillian, Rocco Quattrocchi and his  
6 wife, Alessandra, Joseph Quattrocchi and his wife, Krista, and Amanda Fallon and her husband,  
7 William, and his three beautiful great-grandchildren, Ava Ruggerio, Mia Ruggerio and Cristiano  
8 Quattrocchi; and

9           WHEREAS, Rocco Quattrocchi was born in the City of Providence, the son of the late  
10 Giovanni and Vincenza Quattrocchi. He was the devoted brother of Josephine DeAngelis, and the  
11 late Ali, John Jr., Elizabeth Bucci, Domenica Santagata, Martha Santoro, and Anna Smaldone.  
12 He was a graduate of Classical High School, the University of Rhode Island, and had attended the  
13 University of Bologna Medical School. In addition, he served our country with honor in the  
14 United States Army during World War II; and

15           WHEREAS, A hard-working man, Mr. Quattrocchi owned and operated his family's very  
16 successful business, Douglas Oil Company, for more than sixty-two years, retiring in 2013; and

17           WHEREAS, In 1968, the Honorable Rocco Quattrocchi was elected to the Rhode Island  
18 General Assembly, where he served as the State Representative for the 7th district in Providence  
19 from 1969 to 1970, and as the State Senator from the 4th district from 1971 to 1984. He was

1 devoted to his constituency, as well as myriad business and local organizations. During his  
2 legislative tenure, he was the driving force behind the creation of the Narragansett Bay  
3 Commission and for gaining university status and national recognition for both Johnson and  
4 Wales University and New England Technical Institute, to name but a few of his many legislative  
5 accomplishments; and

6 WHEREAS, Earning the respect and loyalty of his fellow legislators, Mr. Quattrocchi  
7 served as a Senate Deputy Majority Leader from 1976 to 1980, Senate Majority Leader from  
8 1980 to 1983, and had chaired numerous committees. He also served the party statewide as the  
9 Democratic State Chairman from 1978 to 1983; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to his efforts at the State House and his business, Mr.  
11 Quattrocchi was always wholly involved in local events and causes and had received numerous  
12 accolades for his dedication to our state. He was a member of the Kiwanis Foundation of Roger  
13 Williams, the DaVinci Center, the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation, the John E. Forgarty  
14 Center, the Italian American Club and the Italian American Heritage Society, and was a  
15 communicate of St. Ann Church and a supporter of St. Anthony's Church. In his spare time, he  
16 enjoyed golfing and was a member of the Metacomet Country Club, the Longboat Key Country  
17 Club and was an International Member of the Royal St. Andrew's Golf Club in Scotland; and

18 WHEREAS, The Honorable Rocco Quattrocchi's generosity, loyalty, and sincerity  
19 enriched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to have been part of his life, and his  
20 dedication to public service truly made the future brighter for the citizens of this state; now,  
21 therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
23 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of the Honorable Rocco A. Quattrocchi;  
24 and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
26 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Joseph A. Quattrocchi and Family, and Cynthia  
27 A. Quattrocchi.

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