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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 WILLIAM J.G. LAWTON, JR.

Introduced By: Senators Morgan, Kettle, Paiva Weed, Lombardi, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: April 30, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, William J. G. Lawton, Jr., of Scituate, passed away on April 23, 2015. He  
2 was the son of the late William J.G. Lawton, Sr., and Ursula F. Lawton. He was the husband of  
3 Audrey A. Lawton for twenty-six years, and previously to the late Lillian J. Klumbis for thirty-  
4 two years; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Lawton served our nation with honor and valor during World War II in  
6 the United States Navy, serving aboard the USS Murphy. After the war, he served as a Police  
7 Officer in the City of Providence from 1948 to 1968, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Detective,  
8 and later served as the Chief of the Scituate Police Department from 1970 to 1990. In both cases,  
9 he served the citizens of Providence and Scituate with integrity, devotion and diligence. He was  
10 also employed by BankAmericard and started their security division; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Lawton was beloved by all who knew him and was well-known for his  
12 sense of humor. He loved telling his grandchildren stories and singing songs with them and was  
13 able to keep them amused and occupied for hours at a time; and

14           WHEREAS, In addition to his wife Audrey, Mr. Lawton leaves behind his daughters  
15 Joyce B. Lindsay and her husband, Dan, and Lillian Jean Delmonico and her late husband,  
16 William. He is the stepfather of Brenda E. Hopkins and Theodore H. Hopkins, III. He was  
17 predeceased by his daughter, Kathleen A. Hanks and his son, Michael S. Lawton. He was the  
18 proud grandfather of thirteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. William was the brother  
19 of Theresa Dwyer, Ursula "Bobbie" Smith, James L. Lawton, and the late Eileen L. Coulombe;  
20 now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
2 hereby expresses its condolences to the Lawton Family on the passing of William Lawton, Jr.;  
3 and be it further

4           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Audrey A. Lawton.

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