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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RONALD KENNEDY

Introduced By: Senators Algiere, Morgan, Walaska, Paiva Weed, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: May 28, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Ronald
2 Kennedy, the beloved husband of 56 years to his wife, the late Jeanette Katherine Kennedy, the
3 loving father of four children, Kevin John Kennedy and his wife, Janet, our friend and colleague
4 the Honorable Brian Patrick Kennedy, Tracey Anne Kennedy and her husband, Ronald, and Erin
5 Beth Celico and her husband, Robert, and the very proud grandfather of five grandchildren, Drew
6 Kennedy Prouty, Ronald John Kennedy, Nicholas Alexander Celico, Jonathan Thomas Celico,
7 and Gabriella Anne Celico; and

8 WHEREAS, Born in Westerly, Mr. Kennedy was the son of the late Alfred Kennedy, Sr.,
9 and Alice Kennedy Dabrowski, and brother of the late Alfred Kennedy, Jr. He was also
10 predeceased by his stepfather Raymond Dabrowski and his stepsister Muriel Dabrowski Brothers.
11 Mr. Kennedy attended Westerly High School, where he was a standout athlete in multiple sports;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from high school, Mr. Kennedy joined the United States
14 Army, where he played for the baseball team, and upon discharge, was drafted by the Milwaukee
15 Braves; and

16 WHEREAS, After marrying his wife, Jeanette, in 1958, Mr. Kennedy was self-employed
17 as a building contractor for many years. His love for building extended to his own home, where
18 he enjoyed rebuilding stone walls from field stones, with many of his walls still gracing the
19 community. He also loved gardening, and while wintering in Florida, would enjoy the hobby of
20 metal detecting on the beach; and

1 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Mr. Kennedy served one term on the
2 Hopkinton Town Council and was a long-time member and past Chairman of the Hopkinton
3 Zoning Board, a member of the Hopkinton Democratic Town Committee and also a life member
4 of Westerly Lodge #10 FOPA. He had been the longest serving member of the Ashaway
5 Volunteer Fire Department, and had served as President of the Fire Department from 1980-1984,
6 and again from 1986-1987. In addition, he was the Moderator for the Ashaway Fire District for
7 many years and was named Fireman of the Year in 1981; and

8 WHEREAS, Ronald Kennedy was blessed to have always had the total support and
9 adoration of his family and his determination in the face of adversity was inspirational to all who
10 knew and loved him. He will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
12 hereby offers our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Ronald Kennedy and we hope the
13 sadness of his passing will be replaced by warm memories to comfort them in the days ahead; and
14 be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Kevin John Kennedy, the Honorable Brian
17 Patrick Kennedy, Tracey Anne Kennedy, and Erin Beth Celico.

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