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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROSE ANN OATES

Introduced By: Senators Archambault, P Fogarty, Goodwin, Ruggerio, and Paiva Weed

Date Introduced: January 27, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Rose
2 Ann Oates, beloved wife of the late Thomas F. Oates, Jr., who had been her childhood
3 sweetheart, and loving mother of Pamela Lang, RN, and her husband, Thomas Lang, MD,
4 Commander Thomas F. Oates, III, PPD, and his wife, Laurie, John J. Oates and his wife, Karen,
5 Terrence P. Oates and his wife, Kelly, Kevin M. Oates and his companion, Margaret Foster, and
6 Christopher D. Oates and his wife, Maria; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Chepachet, Rose Ann Oates was a daughter of the late Sidney and
8 Helen Bertherman, and the sister of Catherine Bagwell, Clair Bailey, and the late Sidney
9 Bertherman, Helen Bertherman and Jennivive Whelan. She was a graduate of Saint Xavier
10 Academy and Emmanuel College; and

11 WHEREAS, Rose Ann's loving personality created and nurtured a marriage that
12 flourished, and a home that was warm and welcoming. She was a resident of Greenville but had
13 also spent part of the year at her home in Delray Beach in Florida. She was the very proud and
14 doting "Nana" of nineteen loving grandchildren, one of whom is our friend and colleague,
15 Brenden Oates, and was also blessed with nine beautiful great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Rose Ann had been the kind of mother and nana that every child needs and
17 deserves. She loved nothing more than preparing Sunday dinner for the whole family and
18 watching the children frolic in her pool. She often listened to the scanner with the children,
19 followed by a ride to anything exciting happening around town, and there were many, many
20 special outings with the children to shop for school clothes or visit such fun places as Fantasy

1 Land; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to making a home for her family, Rose Ann and her husband,
3 Tom, had been the owners of Oates Tavern on Douglas Avenue in North Providence, for many
4 years. Before retiring, she had also been employed with the State of Rhode Island; and

5 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Rose Ann Oates, a kind and gracious lady, left an
6 indelible mark on the lives of those she knew and loved, and she will be dearly missed; now,
7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Rose Ann Oates; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Pamela Lang, RN, Commander Thomas F.
12 Oates, III, PPD, John J. Oates, Terrence P. Oates, Kevin M. Oates, Christopher D. Oates, and
13 Brenden Oates.

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