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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF JOANNE COIA

Introduced By: Senators Nesselbush, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Algieri, and Felag

Date Introduced: February 10, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that the Rhode Island Senate has learned of the
2 passing of Joanne (Ciaccia) Coia, beloved mother of Arthur E. Coia, II, and his wife, Jennifer
3 Goodrich, and Christen A. Corrente, and her husband, Darren. She had been married to Arthur A.
4 Coia, Esq., for 43 years, and was the loving and devoted grandmother of Catherine, Nicholas,
5 Caroline, and AJ; and

6 WHEREAS, Joanne Coia was born in Providence, and was the daughter of Janice and
7 Louis Ciaccia, and the sister of Rita Sorensen. She was a longtime resident of the Town of
8 Barrington and also Singer Island, Florida; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Coia had received her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Rhode
10 Island College. She had a lifelong passion for the arts and had founded the Joanne Coia Gallery in
11 Delray Beach, Florida, as a resource for painters and sculptors; and

12 WHEREAS, A devout catholic, Mrs. Coia was a parishioner of St. Luke's Parish in
13 Barrington for 40 years, and had frequently attended mass at the Carmelite Monastery. She had
14 served as a Trustee on the United States Botanic Gardens, and was a supporter of the National
15 Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC.; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to spending time with her family and many friends, and
17 especially her cherished grandchildren, Mrs. Coia had enjoyed traveling, and was a champion dog
18 breeder and golf enthusiast. Her enthusiasm for living to the fullest was infectious and she left an
19 indelible mark on the lives of all who had the good fortune to be part of her life. She will be
20 dearly missed; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby joins the family and many friends and admirers of Joanne Coia in mourning her passing;
3 and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Christen A. Corrente and Family, and Arthur E.
6 Coia, II, and Family.

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