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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH C. SADLIER

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Nesselbush, Algieri, Doyle, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: February 11, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Joseph
2 "The Pieman" Sadlier, the loving husband of fifty-nine years to Vivian Sadlier, and the devoted
3 father of Joan Corey, and her husband, Frank, Paula Fontaine and her husband, John, Joseph
4 Sadlier and his wife, Maria, Catherine Sadlier Ciresi and her husband, Robert, and Rachel
5 Williams and her husband, James. He was also the very proud grandpa of Lara, Alexandra, Billy,
6 Julie, Nicholas, Troy, Matthew, Zane, Viviana, and Richard; and

7 WHEREAS, Joe Sadlier was the son of Beatrice and Joseph Sadlier. He was a lifelong
8 resident of Pawtucket, and had attended St. Mary's School in Pawtucket, and Pawtucket West
9 High School. He was the brother of Eileen Corrigan and her husband, Ray, Sr., Maureen Sadlier
10 RSM, Catherine Sadlier, Beatrice Sharkey and her husband, Steve, his sister-in-law Regina
11 Sadlier, and the late Father Richard Sadlier SSJ, Eugene Sadlier, John Sadlier, and William
12 Sadlier; and

13 WHEREAS, Joe had served our country with honor and dignity in the United States
14 Army during the Korean War, and he was a devout Catholic and a member of the Knights of
15 Columbus; and

16 WHEREAS, With a passion for cooking and a desire to help those in need, Joe earned the
17 moniker of "The Pieman" and the love and respect of the people of Pawtucket, for his delectable
18 and renowned meat pies. He was a dedicated volunteer for many causes, and primarily through
19 the sale of his pies, he was a prolific fund raiser for those less fortunate than himself. Never one
20 to remain idle, Joe also managed the Hospitality House soup kitchen at Central Falls' Notre Dame

1 Church after retiring; and

2 WHEREAS, For many years, Joe also organized the Toys for Tots drive at St. Mary's
3 Church in Pawtucket and served on the board of the Pawtucket Substance Abuse Prevention Task
4 Force; and

5 WHEREAS, Although Joe did not seek gratitude or notoriety for his altruistic endeavors,
6 he was honored many times during his lifetime. In 1999, he was delighted and humbled to be "the
7 face of Ireland" in Pawtucket's St. Patrick's Day Parade, and in 2000, he was inducted into the
8 Pawtucket Hall of Fame. On October 25, 2001, Joe received the Daily Point of Light from then
9 President George W. Bush, and in 2012, he was honored by the RI Blood Center for being a
10 lifelong blood donor; and

11 WHEREAS, Joe Sadlier was a noble and giving gentleman who left this world a little
12 better fed and a much better place because of his life's endeavors. He enriched the lives of those
13 who knew him and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Joseph C. Sadlier; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Vivian Sadlier and Family.

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