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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXTENDING HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BERNARD FREZZA,
JR.**

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, and Felag

Date Introduced: June 07, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Bernard Frezza, Jr., the beloved husband for almost thirty-five years to Victoria Frezza, the
3 cherished father of Valerie Carnevale and her husband, DJ, Thomas Frezza and his wife, Tori,
4 and Kimberly Frezza, and a longtime resident of the Town of Johnston. He was also the very
5 proud grandfather of James David Carnevale; and

6 WHEREAS, Bernard Frezza, better known as "Bernie" to his family and many friends,
7 was born on June 9, 1952, and grew up in the Town of North Providence where he attended the
8 public schools and built friendships that would last throughout his lifetime. He earned his
9 Bachelor's degree in Marketing Management and a certificate in Paralegal Studies from Roger
10 Williams University; and

11 WHEREAS, For many years, Bernie was employed and held myriad positions within the
12 Rhode Island Department of Transportation. In March of 2015, he was named Acting Director of
13 Legislative and Government Affairs for the Department, and as of May of 2016, he was named
14 Director. In addition, he had previously been the Public Information Director in the Office of the
15 Secretary of State under the Honorable James Langevin; and

16 WHEREAS, Gifted with an exceptional ability to converse with everyone and on a broad
17 spectrum of topics, Bernie particularly loved politics and the discussions that ensued. He was a
18 member of Johnston Democratic Town Committee and had previously been a member of the
19 North Providence Democratic Town Committee, and was the Chairman of the Johnston Zoning

1 Board of Review; and

2 WHEREAS, Bernie had also been very active in the Boy Scouts organization, serving as
3 a Troop leader when his son was younger. In addition, he was a member of the Knights of
4 Columbus Dillon Council; and

5 WHEREAS, Bernie had a great sense of humor and a kindness that was irresistible. He
6 was a remarkably happy man for whom anger was never the road taken. He truly understood the
7 infinite value of people and had a way of interacting with those around him that made them know
8 they were important to him and loved. He not only leaves a void in the hearts of his family and
9 friends but also in their lives. He will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby offers its heartfelt condolences on the passing of Bernard Frezza, Jr. We moreover hope
12 that sadness will be replaced by warm memories to comfort his family and friends in the days
13 ahead; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Victoria Frezza and Family.

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