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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE GIBB FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF DEACON  
CLARENCE GIBB

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Pichardo, and Walaska

Date Introduced: June 14, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Deacon Clarence Gibb, a man of unbending faith, was called home to be  
2 with the Lord on Monday, May 9, 2016; and

3 WHEREAS, Deacon Gibb was born in Manhattan, New York, on September 9, 1944. He  
4 was the only child of Arthur Gibbs and Florence Gibbs. He was preceded in death by his wife of  
5 thirty-four years, Jean F. Gibb; and

6 WHEREAS, Deacon Gibb worked for many years for the Veterans' Administration  
7 Medical Center in Providence, Rhode Island. He was a tireless worker and a dedicated employee.  
8 During these years of employment, he received a certificate of training, a commendation, and an  
9 award for his special and unique contribution to the Mission of the Department of Veterans'  
10 Affairs. He also was "Employee of the Quarter" in August of 1995 and September of 1999, and  
11 was nominated for "Federal Employee of the Year" in 1999; and

12 WHEREAS, Deacon Gibb was a member of the Congdon Street Baptist Church for many  
13 years. He was baptized at the Church in June of 1983, and became a Deacon in January of 1999.  
14 As a Deacon, he faithfully served the Lord, the congregants of the Church and the wider  
15 community. He also served as a member of the Ushers Board, the Sexton Ministry, the Prison  
16 Ministry, and the Men's Choir; and

17 WHEREAS, Deacon Gibb served our nation with honor and integrity as a member of the  
18 United States Army from 1962 to 1964. He also served as a Cub Master for Pack 18 of the Boy  
19 Scouts of America, as an associate member of the Fraternal Order of Police, and as a member of

1 the Laborer's International Union of North America. Deacon Gibb also served at the State House  
2 as a doorman for the Rhode Island Senate. Additionally, he was an avid sports fan, loved his cars,  
3 and in his spare time enjoyed watching old westerns; and

4 WHEREAS, Deacon Gibb is survived by his sister-in-law Barbara Smith. He also leaves  
5 behind many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, other family members, and many  
6 friends; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
8 hereby expresses its condolences to the Gibb Family on the passing of Deacon Clarence Gibb;  
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Barbara Smith.

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