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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF JAMES SCOTTI

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Ruggiero, Vella-Wilkinson, Shekarchi, and Solomon

Date Introduced: May 10, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of James
2 Scotti, a highly respected and widely admired resident of the City of Warwick, the beloved
3 husband of Carole, his wife of fifty-five years, the cherished father of Sherry Rabil, Debra
4 Pilkington, and Karen Scotti, and the very proud grandfather of Ryan Scotti, Grant Pilkington,
5 and Evan St. Onge; and

6 WHEREAS, Born on Bank Street in Pawtuxet Village, "Scotti" as he was better known
7 by his family and many friends, grew up in the Federal Hill section of Providence and was the
8 loving son of the late Anthony and Victoria Scotti, the brother of Rosemary DeRosa, Thomas
9 Scotti, and the late Anna Brearton, and the cherished uncle to many nieces and nephews. He
10 became a familiar face to many Warwick residents when he worked at his family's business,
11 Scotti's Ice Cream, a very popular and landmark family business in the city; and

12 WHEREAS, As a teenager, Mr. Scotti also began working as a volunteer firefighter, a
13 passion that would become a lifelong career; and while his family always came first in his heart,
14 he was devoted to his fraternal brothers in the firefighting community and the Teamsters Union,
15 with whom he served and protected the community for sixty-four years; and

16 WHEREAS, As a life-long member of the Pawtuxet Volunteer Fire Company in
17 Cranston, and later the Special Signal Fire Association/Providence Canteen, Mr. Scotti rose
18 through the ranks of the company, serving as the President and Captain of the Pawtuxet Station.
19 He was also a proud member of Teamsters Union, Local 251, retiring in 1991; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his responsibilities within our state, Mr. Scotti was also of

1 service to first responders and citizens at both Ground Zero in New York City and post Hurricane
2 Katrina in New Orleans, where his assistance through the Providence Canteen helped to give aid
3 and comfort to those in desperate need and under the most difficult of circumstances; and

4 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Jimmy Scotti, a humble, gentle and unassuming man
5 left this world a far better place because of his life's endeavors. He was a legend and mentor to
6 many, a friend to even more, and always a steadfast gentleman whose personal integrity enriched
7 the lives of all who knew him; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
9 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes and honors Mr. James Scotti for his service to our state,
10 and extends our deepest sympathies to the entire Scotti Family on his passing. He will always be
11 remembered and forever missed; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Carole Scotti and Family.

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