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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH RICHARD
BRADY**

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Goodwin, Algieri, and Gallo

Date Introduced: March 16, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep regret and sadness that we have learned of the passing of our
2 dear friend and colleague Joseph Brady, on Saturday, July 2, 2016. Joe was the husband of the
3 late Ellen S. Brady for twenty-eight years and the father of Amy and her husband, Lieutenant
4 Commander John Hansen, Kathryn Brady, and Joseph Brady, III, and his wife, Jennifer, and was
5 the proud grandfather of four grandchildren. He also leaves his long-time companion Sheila Dunn
6 and many cousins, nieces and nephews; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on November 21, 1952, Joe Brady was the
8 son of Dolores and the late Joseph Richard Brady, Sr. He was the brother of Eileen Brady, Jane
9 Ledingham and her husband, Richard, and Stephen Brady and his wife, Pamela; and

10 WHEREAS, Joe attended the University of Rhode Island, earning his Bachelor's degree
11 in 1975. Over the course of his long and distinguished career in public service, Joe was an
12 administrative aide in the United States Congress, Chief of Staff to the Rhode Island Senate
13 Majority Leader, Director of Constituent Services to the Rhode Island House of Representatives,
14 and Assistant to the Director of the Department of Transportation of Rhode Island. Most recently,
15 Joe had been elected to serve as the Secretary of the Rhode Island Senate, a constitutionally
16 appointed position; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to his work at the State House, Joe was dedicated to giving back
18 to his community. He had served as the Director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Fund,
19 was a faithful parishioner of St. Joseph's Church for more than thirty years, and had served as a

1 past president of St. Joseph's Parish Council. He had also served as past president of Gooseberry
2 Beach, and was a member of the Knights of Columbus; and

3 WHEREAS, Extremely proud of his Irish heritage, Joe was a board member of the
4 Museum of Newport Irish History and a founding member of the Kinsale, Ireland – Newport
5 Twinning. He was also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for the last 35 years, and
6 had served as Rhode Island State President, National Director and the Anti-Defamation chair
7 member, and was a member of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee and had been very proud
8 to be a parade marshal; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2010, Joe was the recipient of the Fenian Award, which is "presented to
10 area residents who have, through their charitable and volunteer work, made positive contributions
11 to the local community." He also had a beautiful voice and loved to sing and was a founding
12 member of "The Whiskey Tenors," and with the Newport Ancient Order of Hibernians Men's
13 Singers. Joe truly embodied the Hibernian motto of "Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity";
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Joe Brady was a good and loyal friend, and a trusted and familiar face on
16 the floor of the Senate and in the halls of the State House. And in the Irish tradition we celebrate
17 his life: "May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine
18 warm upon your face. And rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God
19 hold you in the hollow of His hand"; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
21 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire Brady Family on the passing of Joseph
22 Richard Brady; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
24 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Dolores Brady, Amy Hansen, Katheryn
25 Brady, Joseph Brady, III and Shelia Dunn.

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