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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE DAVID E.  
BATES

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Algieri, Coyne, and Felag

Date Introduced: March 23, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of our  
2 former colleague, the Honorable David E. Bates on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He is survived by his wife of  
3 fifty-three years, Anne; and

4           WHEREAS, Senator Bates was born on April 21, 1941. He graduated from Wakefield  
5 High School in Massachusetts in 1959, and from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in  
6 1963. Mr. Bates was an insurance agent by occupation and for many years was the owner and  
7 President of A.N. Nunes Insurance Agency in Bristol, Rhode Island; and

8           WHEREAS, Senator Bates was passionate about politics and community service  
9 throughout his life. He began his distinguished public service career in 1970 when he joined the  
10 Barrington Planning Board, a position he held from 1970 to 1980. He was elected to the  
11 Barrington Town Council in 1982, serving until 1992. He was elected Town Council President in  
12 1984 and served in that capacity until 1988; and

13           WHEREAS, Senator Bates was elected to the Rhode Island State Senate in 1992,  
14 representing the communities of Barrington and Bristol. A natural leader, he was chosen to serve  
15 as the Minority Whip for many years. Senator Bates was a highly respected and well-liked  
16 member of the Rhode Island State Senate who served our state with distinction and tireless  
17 devotion; and

18           WHEREAS; Senator Bates was always giving back to his community and involved in  
19 charitable endeavors in his free time. He was a member of the Bristol Rotary Club, serving as

1 their President from 1988 to 1989, and the Rhode Island Insurance Agents Association, serving as  
2 their President for several years. He was also a member of the East Bay Chamber of Commerce,  
3 the Rhode Island Lottery Commission, and the Barrington Republican Town Committee. In his  
4 younger years, he enjoyed coaching numerous Barrington youth hockey teams with his best  
5 friend, Frank Sternberg; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Bates, in addition to his wife, Anne, he leaves behind his daughter  
7 Susan Layer and her husband, Gregg, and his son Scott Bates and his wife, Kim. He also leaves  
8 behind his grandchildren Lindsay, Michael, Matthew, Meghan, and Kasey now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
10 hereby expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of the Honorable David E. Bates; and be  
11 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 Anne Bates and Family.

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