

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAUL E. BARBER, SR., M.D.

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Ruggerio, Algieri, Lombardi, and Archambault

Date Introduced: March 30, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Paul E. Barber, Sr., M.D., passed away on March 16, 2017. He was the son
2 of the late Benjamin and Alice Barber and the loving husband of Barbara A. Barber and the late
3 Josephine A. Barber; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Barber was a 1939 graduate of West Warwick High School, where he
5 excelled and lettered in basketball and baseball. He later graduated from Rhode Island College in
6 1943, and subsequently served our nation with honor and distinction during World War II as a
7 member of the United States Navy; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Barber graduated from Tufts University of Medicine in 1946, and after
9 graduation participated in a rotating internship at the United States Naval Hospital until 1947,
10 when he once again enlisted into active duty, with the United States Navy Medical Corps and
11 served in French Morocco. He later finished his residency in Obstetrics at the Providence Lying-
12 In Hospital in 1950; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Barber, following his graduation from medical school, military service,
14 and his residency, opened a private practice in West Warwick where he devoted his life and
15 career to the well-being of his patients for more than fifty years. He was a kind and
16 compassionate man and physician who was always available to his patients and had a knack for
17 making everyone in his company feel special; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Barber was a member of the active staff at Kent County Hospital from
19 1951 to 1995, but he continued his involvement with the hospital until the present day. He was
20 also a member of the American Medical Association, the Rhode Island Medical Society, the Kent

1 County Medical Society, and the American Academy of Family Physicians. In addition, he was a
2 member of the Board of Trustees for Kent Hospital and Blue Cross; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Barber was a fervent supporter of Centreville Bank, where he was
4 elected as a Corporator in 1972, and to the Board of Trustees in 1975. He also served on the
5 Bank's Audit Committee from 1990 until 1995, when he was elected to the Bank's Board of
6 Investment; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Barber leaves behind his wife of almost thirty-two years, Barbara A.
8 Barber. He leaves behind his children, Gregory P. Barber, John A. Barber and his wife, Barbara,
9 Paul E. Barber, Jr., Claudia A. Greene, Heidi A. Austin and her husband, Brad, Kim A. Barber,
10 Jill A. Legault, and the late Deborah A. Grandchamp. He was the stepfather of Anita M. Forest
11 and her husband, Steven, Patricia A. Houle, and the late Richard N. "Rick" Houle. He was the
12 brother of the late Arthur, Roland, Leo, Albert, and Doris Barber. Dr. Barber is also survived by
13 twenty-one grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Dr. Paul E. Barber, Sr., M.D.; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Barbara A. Barber and Family.

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