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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE EUGENE J.
MCCAFFREY, JR.

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Lynch Prata, Calkin, and Algieri

Date Introduced: June 27, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of the
2 Honorable Eugene J. McCaffrey Jr., beloved husband of Ann McCaffrey, and the proud father of
3 District Court Judge Mary E. McCaffrey, our friend and colleague, Senate Majority Leader
4 Michael J. McCaffrey and his wife, Deirdre, John T. McCaffrey and his wife, Margaret, Eugene
5 J. McCaffrey, III, and William D. McCaffrey and his wife, Heather; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in the City of Providence, Mr. McCaffrey was a son of the late Eugene
7 and Catherine McCaffrey, and brother of William M. McCaffrey, Robert F. McCaffrey, Irene A
8 Livsey, and the late Jacqueline F. McCaffrey. He grew up in the Oakland Beach neighborhood of
9 Warwick, graduated from La Salle Academy, and received his Bachelor's degree from Providence
10 College; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon receiving his degree, Mr. McCaffrey served our country with honor in
12 the United States Marine Corps., attaining the rank of Major before his discharge. He returned
13 home and began working for Mayor Horace E. Hobbs as an Executive Secretary while earning his
14 Juris Doctor from Suffolk Law School in the evenings. After passing the bar, he opened one of
15 the first fulltime law practices in Warwick, where he maintained a flourishing private law practice
16 for more than five decades. He was also licensed to practice in the United States District Court
17 and the United States Supreme Court; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1966, the Honorable Eugene McCaffrey was elected to the Rhode Island
19 House of Representatives, and subsequently, to the Rhode Island Senate. Highly respected and

1 widely admired, he was elected Mayor of the City of Warwick in 1972, and served for two terms;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Gene McCaffrey was a member of various
4 organizations which contribute their time and efforts to making Rhode Island a better place to live
5 including, the Warwick Council Knights of Columbus, charter member of Gaspee Days
6 Committee, Warwick Rotary Club and the Tri-City Elks Lodge. He was also a communicant and
7 trustee of St. Benedict Church; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife and children, Mr. McCaffrey was the adored
9 "Gramps" to Michael, Cailin, Brenna, Catherine, Deirdre, Brendan, Matthew, and Luke; and

10 WHEREAS, The Honorable Eugene McCaffrey possessed a brilliant mind, and a fair and
11 magnanimous spirit. He had the love of his family and friends, the admiration of his peers, and
12 gratitude of the citizens of our state for his steadfast and dedicated public service, and he will be
13 profoundly missed by those who had the good fortune to be a part of his vital and fulfilling life;
14 now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
16 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of the Honorable Eugene J. McCaffrey,
17 Jr.; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Ann McCaffrey, the Honorable Mary E.
20 McCaffrey, the Honorable Michael J. McCaffrey, John T. McCaffrey, Eugene J. McCaffrey, III,
21 and William D. McCaffrey.

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