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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH V. COMISKEY

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Lombardi, and Conley

Date Introduced: January 10, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Joseph V. Comiskey passed away on December 28, 2017. He was the  
2 beloved husband of Gloria Comiskey for sixty-nine years; and

3           WHEREAS, Mr. Comiskey was born in Worcester, Massachusetts, the son of the late  
4 Anthony and Anna Comiskey. He served our nation with honor and valor during World War II as  
5 a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the United States Army and had been stationed in the Aleutian Islands during  
6 the war. After the war, he took great pride in sharing his photographs and war experiences with  
7 numerous eager listeners; and

8           WHEREAS, Upon returning home from the service, Mr. Comiskey spent most of his  
9 professional career working as a Chief Reliability Officer for the Northrup Grumman Corp.,  
10 retiring after twenty-one years of distinguished service. He was particularly proud of his  
11 contributions to the United States Shuttle program and Boeing aircraft; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Comiskey was also a dedicated family man who took great pleasure in  
13 his responsibilities as a father and husband. In addition to providing for his family, he made a  
14 point of teaching his daughters important skills, including how to ski when they were young, that  
15 have proven invaluable to their daily lives; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Comiskey was a man of many talents and varied interests. He enjoyed  
17 dancing, sailing, travelling, quahogging, and playing cards. He was a great handyman around the  
18 house who could fix almost anything, and was a competitive pistol shooter who won many  
19 awards; and

20           WHEREAS, Besides his wife, Gloria, Mr. Comiskey leaves behind his daughters, Sandra

1 Lanni and her husband, Dennis, and Karen Comiskey Jenkins and her late husband, Christopher.  
2 He is also survived by his grandsons James Blanding and his wife, Julie, Cody and Derek  
3 Jenkins, Andrew Lanni and Matthew Lanni, and many other relatives and friends. He was also the  
4 brother of the late Ernest Comiskey; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
6 hereby expresses its condolences to the Comiskey Family on the passing of Mr. Joseph V.  
7 Comiskey; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Gloria Comiskey and Family.

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