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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE HAROLD J.
MILLER

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, and Algieri

Date Introduced: January 02, 2019

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Harold J. Miller, a distinguished Rhode Island State Senator
2 from Pawtucket, passed away surrounded by his loving family; and

3 WHEREAS, Harold J. Miller was born in Pawtucket, son of the late Harold and Edelia
4 Miller. He graduated from Tolman High School and Bryant University and later served in the
5 United States Navy from 1957 to 1959, where he was assigned to Helicopter Squadron #9 and
6 was appointed to welcome King Boudin of Jordan to the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, After receiving his Honorable Discharge from the United States Navy, he
8 became a member of the Rhode Island State Police, serving with honor and distinction from 1960
9 to 1980, when he retired with the rank of Lieutenant. During his tenure with the State Police, he
10 had the honor of meeting three United States Presidents and Pope John Paul, II. Upon retiring
11 from the State Police, he served as the Chief of Security at the Warwick Mall from 1980 to 1994;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In 1983, Senator Miller was elected to a seat in the Rhode Island State
14 Senate from Pawtucket, serving until 1994. While in the Senate, he served as the Chair of State
15 Traffic Commission, the Chair of the Joint Committee on Highway Safety, and as a member of
16 the Judiciary Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, Upon retiring from the Rhode Island State Senate, Senator Miller moved to
18 Delray Beach, Florida, where he enjoyed thoroughbred racing, golfing and fishing. He continued
19 to return to Rhode Island where he enjoyed spending time with his daughters and spending time

1 with friends at Triggs Country Club. His jovial personality and compassionate demeanor will be
2 missed by all who knew him; and

3 WHEREAS, Senator Miller is survived by his daughters, Patricia Miller, Michaelleen
4 Miller, and Allison Miller. He also leaves behind his brother, Edward Miller and his wife, Karen,
5 sisters, Carolyn Albright and her husband, Craig, and Dorothy Barrett and her husband, Phillip,
6 and their daughter Lisa, with whom he resided and was cared for during his illness. He was
7 preceded in death by his brother, Donald Miller. He also leaves behind three stepchildren, Karen
8 Frost, Linda Foss, and Sandra Spaziano, three step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and his
9 dear friend Elizabeth Meade; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby expresses its deepest condolences to the Miller Family on the passing of the Honorable
12 Harold J. Miller; and be it further

13 RESOLVED That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Miller Family.

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