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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BERNARD L. EATON,
JR.**

Introduced By: Senators Algiere, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: January 09, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Bernard L. Eaton, Jr., devoted husband of Joy Eaton, beloved father of our friend and colleague
3 the Honorable Elaine J. Morgan, Bernard L. Eaton III, and David E. Eaton, the cherished
4 grandfather of Corey and Brandon Eaton, Samantha Oliveira and Ian Morgan, and the proud
5 great-grandfather of Levi Alexander James; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Eaton was a son of the late Bernard and Lillian Eaton, Sr., and the
7 brother of the late Frank "Billy", Francis, Richard, Paul Eaton, and the late Marion Watts. He had
8 been employed as a security guard for many years before his retirement from Woman & Infants
9 Hospital. In addition, he had been an accomplished artist; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Eaton served our country with honor and distinction during the Korean
11 War, where he served with the fifth regimental combat team of the 24th infantry division. He had
12 been honored with the Purple Heart and Bronze Star for his valor; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to his family and career, Mr. Eaton was a member of the Korean
14 War Veterans Chapter 2 of West Warwick, and Chapter 3 of Chepachet, and had volunteered as a
15 driver for the Veteran's Administration Hospital. He was also a 32nd degree Mason, and a member
16 of the Doric Lodge; and

17 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Bernard Eaton left this world a far better place
18 because of his life's endeavors. He was a devoted family man and a steadfast gentleman, whose
19 integrity and determination enriched the lives of all who knew him and he will be greatly missed;

1 now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Bernard L. Eaton, Jr.; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Joy Eaton and Family, and the Honorable
6 Elaine J. Morgan.

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