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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DONALD J. LOPES, SR.

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Goldin, Goodwin, Ruggerio, and Quezada

Date Introduced: May 21, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Donald J. "Danny" Lopes, Sr., passed away on April 8, 2019. He was the
2 beloved husband of Marilyn Lopes; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Lopes was born in Providence, a son of the late Joao and Ina Lopes. He
4 was a 1978 graduate of Johnson and Wales University and also a United States Army Veteran
5 who served our nation with honor and distinction. Mr. Lopes was a hard-working man who was
6 employed for many years as a supervisor for the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, where he
7 was a member of the notorious group of minority drivers at RIPTA known as the "Sophisticated
8 Gents". He was also the President of the Two Man Union at the 148 Bar & Lounge; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Lopes was a dedicated and distinguished public servant who had served
10 with integrity as a member of the Providence City Council, representing the 3rd Ward. He was
11 also a delegate to the Rhode Island Constitutional Convention, and a board member of the
12 Providence Civic Center. In addition, Mr. Lopes had formerly been President of the Rhode Island
13 Seniors Association, was the founding President of S.W.A.P., and a former coach of the
14 Woodlawn Cowboys and the Easton, Massachusetts Wildcats; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Marilyn, Mr. Lopes leaves behind his four children,
16 Lynette Lopes-Mitchell and her husband, Marcus, Chris Lopes and his wife, Maria, Donald
17 Lopes, Jr., and his wife, Lavonne, and Marissa Lopes. He is also survived by his twelve
18 grandchildren, Ronald Machado, Chris Lopes, Daniel Lopes, Mason Lopes, Madison Lopes,
19 Lalah Nkomo, Logan Lopes, Morgan Beltre, Zeus Beltre, Marcus Mitchell, Michael Mitchell and
20 Nichole Townsend, and one great-grandchild, Giselle Machado. He also leaves behind three

1 sisters, Virginia Lopes, Lorraine Adams and Mary Pena, and two nieces, Misty Delgado and her
2 daughter Mahogany Braxton, and Alisha Rose and her sons, Jermaine and Andrey Rose; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Lopes was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He will be sorely
4 missed by his family and loved ones, but his legacy of exemplary public and community service
5 will long endure; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Donald J. Lopes; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Marilyn Lopes, Lynette Lopes-Mitchell,
10 Chris Lopes, Donald Lopes, Jr., and Marissa Lopes.

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