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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ROCCO NEGRIS,
MAJOR GENERAL (RETIRED), UNITED STATES ARMY**

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

Date Introduced: June 05, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Rocco Negris, Major General (Retired), United States Army and
2 devoted husband of Joan Ann Negris, passed away in the company of his loving family. Mr.
3 Negris, born on July 4, 1931, was raised in North Providence and was the youngest of eight
4 children. He was a star athlete in multiple sports and was the Rhode Island State Cross-Country
5 Champion his senior year in high school. Mr. Negris went on to attend the University of Rhode
6 Island on a baseball scholarship, where he earned six varsity letters in both baseball and cross-
7 country, and served as the Captain of the Cross-Country Team and the Co-Captain of the Baseball
8 Team. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education; and

9 WHEREAS, Shortly after graduating from college, Mr. Negris began his distinguished
10 military career when he entered active duty in the United States Army. His military education
11 included graduating from the Armed Forces Staff College and the United States Army War
12 College. He also attained a Master of Arts degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg
13 State College in Pennsylvania; and

14 WHEREAS, General Negris served our nation with courage and valor during three tours
15 of duty in the Vietnam War. For his bravery and meritorious service, he was awarded the Silver
16 Star, Bronze Star, Distinguished Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit; and

17 WHEREAS, General Negris served in numerous command positions during his
18 distinguished thirty-five year military career including as the Assistant Division Commander, Fort
19 Carson, Colorado, as Deputy Commanding General Fort Lewis, Washington, and finally as

1 Commanding General Fort Dix, New Jersey; and

2 WHEREAS, In honor and recognition of his numerous achievements within the military
3 and in the State of Rhode Island, General Negris was inducted into the North Providence High
4 School Hall of Fame, the University of Rhode Island Athletic Hall of Fame, and the University of
5 Rhode Island ROTC Hall of Fame; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, General Negris leaves behind his children, James
7 Rocco Negris and Anne-Marie Negris Moccia. He is also survived by his sister, Aurora DeLuca,
8 son-in-law Robert Moccia, and grandchildren, Alexandra, Isabelle, and Robert; and

9 WHEREAS, The passing of General Negris is a grievous loss for our nation, his family,
10 and his many friends. He will forever be remembered for his heroic and devoted service and the
11 memory of his abiding love for his family and valiant service to our nation will live on forever in
12 the hearts and minds of all who shared his extraordinary life; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
14 hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Rocco Negris, Major General (Retired),
15 United States Army. We furthermore thank him for his valorous service to our nation; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Joan Ann Negris and Family.

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