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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ERNEST
PITOCELLI, SR.

Introduced By: Senator Frank Lombardo

Date Introduced: January 22, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Ernest Pitochelli, Sr., passed away on January 13, 2020. He
2 was the beloved husband of Rita Pitochelli for sixty-nine years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Pitochelli was born in Providence, a son of the late Ernest and Clara
4 Pitochelli. He served our nation with honor and distinction during the Korean War as a member
5 of the United States Army; and

6 WHEREAS, Since his service, Mr. Pitochelli was very active in veterans' organizations
7 and in support of veterans' issues. He served as the AMVETS Post 9 Rhode Island State
8 Commander, as its National Finance Officer for twelve years, and was elected and appointed as
9 its National Commander from 1980 to 1981. He had the honor of meeting Presidents Jimmy
10 Carter and Ronald Reagan, as well as Pope John Paul II, while serving as a representative of
11 AMVETS; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Pitochelli was also very active in local politics in the Town of Johnston.
13 He served with integrity and tireless devotion on the Johnston Town Council for twelve years,
14 and was known for fighting for the rights of the individual and for always conducting himself in
15 an honorable fashion; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Rita, Mr. Pitochelli leaves behind his children,
17 Ernest Pitochelli, Jr., and his wife, Deborah, and Diana Pitochelli. He is also survived by his
18 grandchildren, Stephanie Pitochelli McVay, Ashley Pitochelli Iorfida and her husband, Mark Sr.,
19 and Jake Pitochelli and his husband, Michael Steinberg. He was also the step-grandfather of

1 Charles, Andrew, and Jonathan Wesley, and the great-grandfather Ariana Iorfida, Mark Iorfida,
2 Jr., Juliana McKay, and Joshua McKay. He was the brother of Edward Pitochelli, Anna Romano,
3 and the late Frank Pitochelli; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby expresses its condolences to the Pitochelli Family on the passing of the Honorable Ernest
6 Pitochelli, Sr.; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution Rita Pitochelli and Family.

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