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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DON DONNELLY

Introduced By: Representatives Martin, and Ruggiero

Date Introduced: January 05, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of Don
2 Donnelly, a man who was deeply devoted to his family and friends. Our thoughts and hearts hold
3 great empathy and sorrow for his loved ones. We grieve with his daughter Kelly, her husband,
4 Christopher, and their children, Annah and Nolan, brothers Michael Chad, Francis, and Brian,
5 and his nephews and nieces on their tremendous loss; and

6 WHEREAS, Don was preceded by his brothers, Humphrey "Harp," Jack, and Thomas as
7 well as his sisters, Lorraine and Diane; and

8 WHEREAS, Don was born on August 13, 1932, in Newport to his proud parents
9 Humphrey J. and Edna (Winters) Donnelly; and

10 WHEREAS, Don graduated from De La Salle Academy in 1950 and served in the U.S.
11 Army from 1952-1954. He attended the University of Rhode Island, but left before graduation to
12 go to work in order to help his parents and siblings. For 17 years he was the Director for the
13 Boy's and Girl's Club before becoming the Chief Deputy Sheriff for Newport County until his
14 retirement. Don operated his own security business and recently worked part-time for the
15 Middletown Police Department; and

16 WHEREAS, Don was a crossword puzzle enthusiast, an avid reader, and loved writing
17 children's poems and stories. He was known for his sense of humor, love of nature, and story-
18 telling; and

19 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of Don,
20 so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which he lived every day of his life;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, A devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend, Don Donnelly's
3 life and achievements will live on for many years to come in the memories of everyone fortunate
4 enough to have been touched by the quality of this remarkable gentleman; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
6 Providence Plantations do hereby express our deepest sympathy to the family of Don Donnelly.
7 He will be truly missed; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Donnelly Family.

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