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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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

**OFFERING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE OVERWHELMING LOSS OF LIFE AND
SUPPORTING HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS IN THE WAKE OF THE DEVASTATING
EARTHQUAKE IN THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI**

Introduced By: Representatives Diaz, Slater, Almeida, Ferri, and Messier

Date Introduced: January 13, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Republic of Haiti is located on the western side of the island of
2 Hispaniola. It is the third largest country in the Caribbean, with an estimated population of
3 almost 10,000,000 people; and

4 WHEREAS, On January 12th of 2010, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake collapsed hospitals,
5 destroyed the Presidential palace and parliament, and swept houses away. An estimated three
6 million people have been affected, most of whom are desperately poor; and

7 WHEREAS, Rescue efforts are underway and international aid agencies are rushing to
8 assist, but the full extent of the damage and loss of life will not be known for days; and

9 WHEREAS, A range of governments, including those of the United States, Brazil, and
10 Great Britain, have contributed to peacekeeping and development initiatives in the Republic.
11 Rhode Island in particular has close ties to Haiti, with many of our residents having emigrated
12 from the island; and

13 WHEREAS, To the families who are forever separated from their loved ones or have lost
14 their homes, and to a community that was already struggling with providing the everyday
15 necessities for survival, know that the citizens of Rhode Island and, indeed, millions more across
16 this country mourn with you; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby offers our deepest condolences to the families of the victims of this
19 devastating disaster and fully supports all humanitarian efforts in the wake of this deadly

1 earthquake; and be it further

2 RESOLVED That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to His Excellency René Préval, President of Haiti.

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