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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ARTHUR P. SOUSA

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Speakman, Edwards, Mattiello, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: February 05, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sincere sadness that this House has learned of the passing of
2 Arthur P. Sousa, the beloved husband of the late Margaret Sousa for over seventy years, and the
3 cherished father of Robert Sousa and his wife, AnnDee, Sharon Wollschlager and her husband,
4 Warren, and the late Arthur Sousa, Jr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Sousa had reached the momentous distinction of becoming a
6 centenarian and was just twenty-one days shy of his 101st Birthday; and

7 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the Town of Bristol, Mr. Sousa was the son of the late
8 Antone and Maria Sousa; and

9 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Mr. Sousa had served as a volunteer firefighter
10 and a life member of the Defiance Hose Co. No.1 for a remarkable eighty-one years. He had
11 earned the rank of Lieutenant and was immensely proud of the fact that he was the oldest member
12 of the Bristol Fire Department; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Sousa was blessed with a large and loving family. He was the very
14 proud grandfather of Harold, Michael, David, Kevin and Jennifer Sousa, the great-grandfather of
15 Harold, Jr., Kyle, Samantha, Heidi, Michael, Thomas, Jacob and Emilia Sousa, and the great-
16 great-grandfather of Ryan Dwyer; and

17 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Arthur Sousa left this world a far better place because
18 of his life's endeavors. He was a steadfast gentleman, whose integrity and determination enriched
19 the lives of all who knew him and was an inspiration to us all; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

1 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its deepest sympathies on the passing of Arthur P.
2 Sousa; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Robert Sousa and Family, and Sharon
5 Wollschlager and Family.

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