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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHIES ON THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF JANUARY 8,
2011, IN TUCSON, ARIZONA

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Algieri, and Maher

Date Introduced: January 11, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the unspeakable
2 tragedy that took the lives of Phyllis Schneck, Christina Taylor Green, The Honorable John Roll,
3 Dorothy Morris, Dorwan Stoddard, and Gabe Zimmerman, and critically wounded United States
4 Representative Gabrielle Giffords, and fourteen additional men and women in Tucson, Arizona;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, During the afternoon hours on Saturday, January 8, 2011, a gunman opened
7 fire at a town hall-style meeting outside a grocery store in Tucson, Arizona. As news of the
8 horrific event made its way through the media, the entire world looked on, empathizing with the
9 plight of these individuals and their families, and trying desperately to understand this
10 nightmarish ordeal; and

11 WHEREAS, Ultimately, this profoundly heartrending and senseless shooting stole the
12 life and future of a "Child of Hope," a beautiful and beloved nine year-old girl who had been born
13 on September 11, 2001, a Chief Federal Judge of the United States District Court of Arizona who
14 had honorably served on the bench since his appointment in 1991, a much loved wife whose
15 husband was critically injured, a husband whose wife was also injured, and a congressional staff
16 person who had served as a Director of Community Outreach and who, at 30 years of age, had
17 only just begun life's journey; and

18 WHEREAS, To the parents who face the unnatural act of burying their children, to the
19 husbands and wives who are forever separated from their spouses, to the children who have lost

1 their mother or father, and to a community that has lost six noble friends, know that the citizens
2 of Rhode Island, and indeed millions across the country, mourn with you; and

3 WHEREAS, These six individuals enriched the lives of all who knew them and will be
4 dearly missed. The memory of their lives will live on in the memories of this country and in the
5 hearts of everyone fortunate enough to have known them; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby offers our deepest sympathy and prayers to the families and friends of Phyllis Schneck,
8 Christina Taylor Green, The Honorable John Roll, Dorothy Morris, Dorwan Stoddard, and Gabe
9 Zimmerman; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate hereby joins the millions of Americans who pray for the
11 full and speedy recovery of United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords and the additional
12 fourteen men and women also injured during this rampage; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The Honorable Jan Brewer, Governor of the
15 State of Arizona.

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