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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE VENATOR FAMILY ON THE
PASSING OF LEWIS VENATOR

Introduced By: Senator Nicholas D. Kettle

Date Introduced: February 12, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Lewis "Griff" Venator was a native of Texas and a graduate of Texas A&M
2 University. He was a successful businessman and the President of Roitman and Son Fine
3 Furniture in Providence. He subsequently worked with the Nature Conservancy of Rhode Island
4 as a property manager; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Venator had an abiding love and passion for nature and the outdoors.
6 He was an avid white water paddler and enjoyed spending time with friends engaging in outdoor
7 activities. He was also a volunteer with the Audubon Society of Rhode Island, and enjoyed
8 working around the fields, pond and garden at his home in Foster, Rhode Island. He especially
9 appreciated the time he got to spend with his companion pets Karma and Chico, along with his
10 other adopted cats and dogs; and

11 WHEREAS, In recent years, Mr. Venator was very active as a hospice volunteer. He was
12 quite passionate about this endeavor and in his gentle, loving and quiet way, he brought
13 immeasurable comfort to those in need; and

14 WHEREAS, Lewis Venator is survived by his wife, Deborah Roitman Venator, his
15 mother, Sue Venator, his sisters Betty Venator and Susan Goode, brother, Glen Venator, niece
16 Melissa Venator, and his nephews Patrick and Christopher Goode, Thomas Roitman, and
17 Alexander and Nicholas Holt; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby expresses deepest condolences to the Venator Family on the passing of Lewis Venator;

1 and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Deborah Roitman Venator and Sue Venator.

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