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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BERNARD F. LESSARD

Introduced By: Senators Algiere, and Maher

Date Introduced: March 03, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of Bernard F.  
2   Lessard, a man who was deeply devoted to his family. We grieve with his beloved wife of thirty-  
3   one years, Wanda Lessard, sons, David J. and Bernard Donald Lessard, daughter, Nanette  
4   Gallagher, brother, Robert, three step children, Tina Whitney, Harold Moreash, and Robert  
5   Moreash, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and step grandchildren, and many nieces and  
6   nephews. Bernard was also the brother of the late Oscar, Cecile, Henry, Doris, Raymond, and  
7   Albert Lessard; and

8           WHEREAS, The son of the late Albert and Aurore Beaudette Lessard, Bernard was born  
9   March 14, 1936, in Fitchburg, Massachusetts, and moved to Rhode Island in the early 1960s; and

10          WHEREAS, At a young age, Mr. Lessard owned a bakery with his brothers. He also  
11   worked for Stop & Shop for thirty-two years before retiring. In addition, he was a longtime  
12   volunteer firefighter and chief of the Cross Mills Fire Department. He also served as the fire  
13   inspector, and his experiences fighting deadly fires made him all the more determined to teach  
14   fire prevention; and

15          WHEREAS, Mr. Lessard started a drum corps called the Royal Cadets with family and  
16   friends in the early 1960s. He was also a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit in  
17   Charlestown; and

18          WHEREAS, Bernard was an avid outdoorsman. In his spare time he built a beach buggy  
19   and loved to ride it on the beach and surf fish for hours. He also enjoyed fly-fishing, hiking,  
20   canoeing, camping, and traveling. He climbed Mt. Washington and other peaks in the White

1 Mountains and also hiked the Appalachian Trail, starting in Maine; and

2 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of  
3 Bernard, so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which he lived every day  
4 of his life; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
6 hereby expresses our deepest sympathy to the family of Bernard F. Lessard. He will be truly  
7 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 Wanda Lessard and family.

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