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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FORMER RHODE ISLAND STATE
REPRESENTATIVE THE HONORABLE RAYMOND C. CHURCH**

Introduced By: Senators Tassoni, Cote, and P Fogarty

Date Introduced: March 30, 2011

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness and regret that this Senate has learned of the
2 passing of the Honorable Raymond Church, a longtime resident of the Town of North Smithfield,
3 an unassuming and kind gentleman, and a well-respected former member of the Rhode Island
4 House of Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Pawtucket, Raymond Church was the son of Mary and the late
6 Chester Church. He graduated from Bryant College with a degree in Accounting and had served
7 our country with honor in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. In 1976, he
8 moved to North Smithfield; and

9 WHEREAS, Raymond and his wife, Carol, were the parents of one daughter, Jennifer,
10 who is married to Scott Hawes. He was also the grandfather of Max, and was soon to become a
11 grandfather for a second time. He is also survived by his brothers, David and Paul; and

12 WHEREAS, The Honorable Raymond Church was instilled with a desire to serve the
13 community. He was elected to serve as Town Administrator for the Town of North Smithfield
14 from 1987 until 1989, and had served as the former Chair of the North Smithfield Town Budget
15 Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, On November 2nd of 2004, The Honorable Raymond Church was elected to
17 the Rhode Island House of Representatives, where he served his constituency in District 48 until
18 2008. He had been a member of the House Finance Committee, the House Committee on
19 Municipal Government, and the Joint Committee on Economic Development; and

1 WHEREAS, A truly valued member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives,
2 Raymond Church consistently demonstrated an abiding dedication to serving the best interests of
3 his North Smithfield and Burrillville constituents while helping to lead the Ocean State toward a
4 future of ever-expanding opportunities. He had earned a plethora of awards and honors, as well as
5 the unqualified admiration and respect of all who were privileged enough to work with him; and

6 WHEREAS, Over the years, Raymond Church had been a member and officer of various
7 organizations which contribute their time and efforts to making Rhode Island a better place to
8 live. He was the Executive Director of the RI Society of Certified Public Accountants for many
9 years, an active member of the North Smithfield Lions Club, and a past member of the American
10 Society of Association Directors and the CPA State Society Executive Association; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to his family and professional responsibilities, Raymond Church
12 enjoyed skiing, skating, reading, and going to the movies. He was also an avid golfer and former
13 member of the Lincoln Country Club, where he served as treasurer; and

14 WHEREAS, A distinguished and beloved advocate and former public servant, Raymond
15 Church was a remarkable gentleman whose life was filled with good deeds, a magnanimous
16 spirit, and omnipresent good humor. He represented all that is best in this State and he will be
17 dearly missed; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
19 hereby offers its sincere condolences to his wife, Carol, his daughter, Jennifer, and the legions of
20 admirers of the Honorable Raymond Church; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Carol Church and Family.

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