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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CLIFFORD T.
GARDNER, JR.

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Maher, P Fogarty, and Hodgson

Date Introduced: April 27, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Clifford
2 T. Gardner, Jr., a loving father and stepfather, naval veteran, and former State Senator; and

3 WHEREAS, Clifford T. Gardner was born in South Kingstown, the son of Clifford T.
4 Gardner and Mary Gardner. He served in the Rhode Island State Senate from 1944 to 1947 before
5 he left to join the United States Navy. Clifford served his nation for twenty-seven years with
6 honor, valor, and integrity. He retired in 1974 as a Chief Petty Officer; and

7 WHEREAS, Clifford, after retiring from the United States Navy, worked for twenty-one
8 years as an Environmental Police Officer for the Rhode Island Department of Environmental
9 Management. He retired from the State of Rhode Island in 1990; and

10 WHEREAS, Clifford was a lifelong resident of South County and worked for many years
11 as a Pastoral Assistant at the Church of the Ascension. He was a coach with American Legion
12 Baseball for thirty-five years, a member of the American Legion Post 39, and served the
13 American Legion in variety of capacities, including past commander for fourteen years, Chaplain,
14 and service officer. Clifford is a member of the American Legion Hall of Fame, was the President
15 of the USS Tarawa, and was a member of Hope Lodge #25 AF & FM; and

16 WHEREAS, Clifford was the father of Carl E. Gardner, the stepfather of Steven Kile,
17 Alex Martlano-Kile, and the late Eric Kile and Debra Jean Gardner-Clarke, and the brother of
18 Norman Gardner, Glenn Gardner, Marilyn Barrington, Betty Rocha, Joyce Dias, and the late
19 Harry Gardner and Franklin Gardner. Clifford was the grandfather of seven and the great-

1 grandfather of three; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Clifford T. Gardner, Jr.; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Carl E. Gardner.

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