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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN H. ROLLINS

Introduced By: Senators Metts, Miller, Ruggerio, P Fogarty, and Walaska

Date Introduced: May 27, 2015

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with much sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of John
2 H. Rollins, the husband of Julia M. Rollins, and father of five daughters, Cheryl Watkins and her
3 husband, Michael, Lisa Ann Rollins, Johnna Marie Rollins, Tracey Rollins Spann and her
4 husband, Christopher, and Dina Lee Rollins. He was also the proud grandfather of eight
5 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Mr. Rollins was a son of the late Rachel and James
7 Rollins, Sr., and the brother of Mary McClain, Ella Robinson, Helen Gomes, Clarence Rollins,
8 and the late James Rollins, Jr., Robert Rollins, Joseph Rollins, Melvina Washington, Susan
9 Briggs, Grace Pierce, Ester Rollins and Pauline Scott; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Rollins graduated from La Salle Academy where he had been a star
11 football player, and had attended the University of Rhode Island, which he left before graduating
12 in order to try out with the Green Bay Packers in 1961. In 1964, he tried out for the New York
13 Giants and later played for the Providence Steam Rollers and was a freshman football coach for
14 Brown University; and

15 WHEREAS, A truly gifted athlete, Mr. Rollins was inducted into the Rhode Island
16 Interscholastic Hall of Fame, University of Rhode Island Hall of Fame, La Salle Academy Hall of
17 Fame and the Providence Gridiron Hall of Fame; and

18 WHEREAS, Before his retirement, Mr. Rollins had been employed as an MBE/WBE
19 Coordinator for the City of Providence and had owned his own construction company. Always
20 involved with helping the community, John took his commitment to a higher level, in a successful

1 run for City Council. In addition, he was a lead force behind the South Side recreation center
2 project, and was a member of the Roger Williams Day Care Board, the ProCap Board, as well as
3 numerous other civic organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, John Rollins enriched the lives of all who knew him and he will forever be
5 remembered and deeply missed by his family and friends; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby expresses its deepest sympathies to the entire Rollins Family on the passing of John H.
8 Rollins; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Julia M. Rollins and Family.

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