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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RUSSELL JOHN ARCHIBALD

Introduced By: Senator Frank Lombardo

Date Introduced: May 24, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Russell
2 John Archibald, a resident and well-respected citizen of Providence; and

3 WHEREAS, We mourn his loss and extend our condolences to his son, Adam Barros and
4 his wife, Lynette, his fiancée, Reneé Grant Kane, his two grandchildren, Matthias and Indira
5 Barros, and his two brothers, Leroy Archibald and his wife, MaryAnn, and Earl Archibald and his
6 wife, Carol. Russell was also the brother of the late Bertha Mauricio, Walter Reis, Lois Gomes,
7 Kenneth Reis, and Joyce Waters, godfather of Roxanne Archibald, Cheryl Archibald Bennett, and
8 Brandi Venter, and uncle to many dear nieces and nephews.

9 WHEREAS, Born in 1950 to the late Dorothy and Roy Archibald, Russell grew up in the
10 city of Providence, Rhode Island; and

11 WHEREAS, Russell built a long and distinguished career focused on giving back to
12 others. In the 1970's he served as the Assistant Superintendent of the Rhode Island Training
13 School. He was a civil rights attorney in Boston for the Department of Housing and Urban
14 Development for over twenty years, and he also worked at Model Cities in Providence; and

15 WHEREAS, Russell also donated his time to the causes he cherished. He was a long time
16 member of the International Bar Association, the Fox Point Boys & Girls Club, and the Sheldon
17 Street Church; and

18 WHEREAS, Russell was an enthusiastic traveler who enjoyed bowling and the game of
19 Blackjack; and

20 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of

1 Russell, so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which he lived every day of
2 his life; and

3 WHEREAS, A devoted father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, a wonderful friend, and a
4 respected attorney, Russell John Archibald's life and achievements will live on for many years to
5 come in the memories of everyone fortunate enough to have been touched by the quality of this
6 remarkable gentleman; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire Archibald Family on the passing of Russell
9 John Archibald; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Adam Barros and family and Reneé Grant
12 Kane.

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