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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOANNA M. COYNE

Introduced By: Senators P Fogarty, Paiva Weed, Goodwin, Gallo, and Metts

Date Introduced: June 28, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of Joanna M.
2 Coyne, a woman who was deeply devoted to her family. Joanna was born in Lincoln, Rhode
3 Island, seventy-two years ago. She was the daughter of the late James V. and Jane (O'Neil)
4 Murphy and the wife of John P. Coyne for fifty-two wonderful years; and

5 WHEREAS, Our thoughts and hearts hold great empathy and sorrow for her family. We
6 grieve with her children, Kathleen and her husband, Mark, Colleen and her husband, William,
7 Timothy and his wife, Kari, Patricia and her husband, Jeremy, Brendan and his wife, Jennifer,
8 and Terence and his fiancée, Diane Degnan. She was the very proud grandmother of nine
9 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Joanna was preceded in death by her son, James Murphy Coyne, as well as
11 her brother, Paul Murphy; and

12 WHEREAS, Residing in the Town of Glocester since 1962, Mrs. Coyne was the
13 President of J. Coyne Company. She also worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant at North Bay
14 Manor. In her free time, she was a volunteer for Child Find and Meals on Wheels; and

15 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of
16 Joanna, so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which she lived every day of
17 her life; and

18 WHEREAS, A devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, and great grandmother, Joanna
19 Coyne's life and achievements will live on for many years to come in the memories of everyone
20 fortunate enough to have been touched by the quality of this remarkable woman; now, therefore

1 be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby expresses our deepest sympathy to the family of Joanna Coyne. She will be truly missed;
4 and be it 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 Mr. John P. Coyne and Family.

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