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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MR. FRANCIS P. O'DONNELL

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Coyne, McCaffrey, Goodwin, and Algieri

Date Introduced: January 15, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Francis P. O'Donnell passed away on December 9, 2019. He was the
2 beloved husband of the late Kathryn M. O'Donnell for fifty-eight years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Donnell was born in Providence, the son of the late Joseph and Mary
4 O'Donnell. A 1943 graduate of La Salle Academy and a member of the football team, Mr.
5 O'Donnell went on to attend Providence College, where he graduated in 1946 with a degree in
6 accounting. He then proceeded to embark on a highly successful and distinguished career as a
7 Public Accountant for sixty years during which he owned his own business, and worked for the
8 Rhode Island Division of Taxation with integrity and distinction for twenty years; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Donnell was devoted to his Catholic faith and devoted much of his
10 life in service to others. He was a Church Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Choir Member for
11 numerous churches including Blessed Sacrament Church in Providence, St. Maria Goretti in
12 Pawtucket, Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Providence, and St. Thomas More and St. Veronica's in
13 Narragansett. Mr. O'Donnell also ministered to the sick and needy members of the community
14 through his work at Roger Williams Hospital and carved turkeys every Thanksgiving and
15 Christmas at St. Patrick's Church in Providence for many years; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Donnell was a devoted and loving son, husband, father, grandfather
17 and friend who always put his family and faith first in his life. He made his community a better
18 place in which to live and will long be remembered by all who knew and loved him for his
19 kindness and many acts of charity; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Donnell leaves behind his six children, Frank O'Donnell and his wife,

1 Karen, Maureen Pinksaw and her husband, John, James O'Donnell, Esq., and his wife, Lucille,
2 Retired State Police Colonel Steven O'Donnell and his wife, Holly, Thomas O'Donnell and his
3 wife, Katherine, and Kathleen O'Donnell-White and her husband, William. Mr. O'Donnell also
4 leaves behind his sixteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Jessica, Elyse, Caitlin, Meghan,
5 Kayla, Conor, Cody, Patrick, Kelsey, Brady, Keri, Christopher, Ryan, Dylan, Charlie, Molly and
6 Mya. Mr. O'Donnell was also the brother of Anne Galvin and the late Joseph A. O'Donnell, Jr.;
7 now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Mr. Francis P. O'Donnell; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Frank O'Donnell, Maureen Pinksaw, James
12 O'Donnell, Esq., Retired State Police Colonel Steven O'Donnell, Thomas O'Donnell, Kathleen
13 O'Donnell-White.

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