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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PHILIP J. DURIGAN, JR.

Introduced By: Senators Sheehan, Sosnowski, McCaffrey, McBurney, and Lynch

Date Introduced: January 27, 2010

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that we have learned of the passing of Philip J.
2 Durigan, Jr., a man who was deeply devoted to his family. Our thoughts and hearts hold great
3 empathy and sorrow for his family. We grieve with his beloved wife of thirty-eight years, Patricia
4 A. (Kirk), son, David, daughter, Sheri and her husband Representative J. Patrick O'Neill, sister,
5 Joan Shields, and granddaughter, Hannah Marion O'Neill, on their tremendous loss; and

6 WHEREAS, Philip was born in Providence. He was the son of the late Philip J. and
7 Marion R. Durigan Sr.; and

8 WHEREAS, Philip was the owner of Twin Willows in Narragansett for twenty-five
9 years, as well as a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of South County, the Narragansett
10 Lions, and the Sons of Irish Kings; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Durigan served in the United States Air Force in the Vietnam War from
12 1963 to 1967. He was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post #183; and

13 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of Philip,
14 so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which he lived every day of his life;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, brother, and grandfather, Philip J. Durigan, Jr.'s
17 life and achievements will live on for many years to come in the memories of everyone fortunate
18 enough to have been touched by the quality of this remarkable, gentle man; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
20 hereby expresses our deepest sympathy to the family of Philip J. Durigan, Jr. He will be truly

1 missed; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to

3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Durigan Family.

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