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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF H. WINFIELD TUCKER

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: February 02, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of H.
2 Winfield Tucker, the beloved husband of Phyllis Tucker and a highly respected and widely
3 admired member of the South County community; and

4 WHEREAS, Son of the late Howard and Marion Tucker, Mr. Tucker was a graduate of
5 the University of Rhode Island, formerly called Rhode Island State College, where he received a
6 Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering. He served in the United States Navy
7 during World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker was married to his wife, Phyllis, for sixty-five years, and was
9 the proud father of Howard Tucker and his wife, Marilyn, Eve Keenan and her husband, Thomas,
10 Linda Tucker and her husband, Richard Hodgson, and Bonnie L'Etoile and her husband, Eugene.
11 He was the loving grandfather of twelve grandchildren and also leaves behind a sister, Dorothy
12 Browning, and a niece and nephew, Marilyn and Barry Browning; and

13 WHEREAS, Forging new ground throughout his life, Mr. Tucker utilized his engineering
14 background to build innovative farm machinery for his potato and sod farm. His clever inventions
15 earned him a place in the Rhode Island Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2007. In addition, he and a
16 friend established South County Vineyards, the first licensed winery, in Rhode Island; and

17 WHEREAS, Committed to helping others and being a contributing member of his
18 community, Mr. Tucker was a member of the Board of Trustees for South County Hospital, the
19 URI Foundation and the Wickford Yacht Club, and a former member of the Hope Club in
20 Providence. He served as Chairman of the former Pier Bank and was Director of Southern New

1 England Farm Credit, and was a member of the Peace Dale Congregational Church; and

2 WHEREAS, Winfield Tucker's talents and passion for living were abundant, and in
3 addition to his family, he enjoyed sailing, piloting, his work, and many building projects. He was
4 a steadfast gentleman whose integrity and determination enriched the lives of all who knew him,
5 and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of H. Winfield Tucker; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Phyllis Tucker and Family.

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