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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF VINCENT ALBERT  
"BUDDY" CIANCI, JR.

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Ruggerio, Ciccone, Jabour, and Pichardo

Date Introduced: February 09, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Vincent  
2 A. "Buddy" Cianci, former Mayor of the City of Providence, renowned radio show host, the  
3 ABC6 Chief Political Analyst, and a beloved larger-than-life personality; and

4           WHEREAS, Buddy Cianci was born and raised in the Laurel Hill section of the City of  
5 Cranston, the youngest son of the late Dr. Vincent and Esther Cianci, the brother of Carol, and the  
6 grandson of Italian immigrants. He was a graduate of Moses Brown School, and earned a degree  
7 in government from Fairfield University, his Master's degree from Villanova University, and his  
8 law degree from Marquette University. He was the adored father of the late Nicole B. Cianci, the  
9 cherished grandfather of Olivia, Joseph and Julius, and had just recently become engaged to Tara  
10 Marie Haywood; and

11           WHEREAS, With a determination and ability that few people possess, Buddy Cianci was  
12 elected and sworn in as Mayor of the City Providence on January 6th of 1975. He became the  
13 city's first Italian-American Mayor and would eventually become the longest-serving mayor in  
14 the state, having served from 1975 to 1984, and from 1991 to 2002; and

15           WHEREAS, During his tenure as Mayor of Providence, Buddy Cianci's dynamic  
16 presence and the sheer magnitude of his oratory gift led to the transformation of the city's skyline  
17 and marked the return of numerous businesses, tourists and inspired the city's "renaissance." He  
18 was also a vigilant and dedicated supporter of the arts and in particular, the Providence  
19 Performing Arts Center, earning him the first "Star of Touring Broadway" Award; and

1           WHEREAS, From an early age, Buddy had taken a keen interest in radio and was part of  
2 WJAR's "kiddie review." In March of 1985, he returned to radio and began his career as a full-  
3 time radio talk show host and on-air personality for WHJJ-AM, and for four years running, he  
4 was voted the state's best radio host. Most recently, he had been a host on WPRO-AM, and in  
5 2013, he was inducted into the Rhode Island Radio Hall of Fame; and

6           WHEREAS, In addition to serving as Mayor of Providence and his more than 40 years in  
7 radio, Buddy had served on active duty in the Military Police Corps from 1967-1969, and as a  
8 Civil Affairs Officer in the Army Reserves until 1972. He was also a Special Assistant Attorney  
9 General from 1969-1973, and had served as the prosecutor of the Office of the Attorney General's  
10 Anti-Corruption Strike Force; and

11           WHEREAS, It was once said that "An attitude of positive expectation is the mark of the  
12 superior personality." No matter what trials and tribulations Buddy Cianci faced during his epic  
13 lifetime, he always rebounded with fervor and an enthusiasm that was infectious. His style,  
14 charisma, and passion for the City of Providence and our state have left a legacy that will never  
15 be forgotten and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

16           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
17 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Vincent A. "Buddy" Cianci, Jr.; and  
18 be it further

19           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
20 transmit a duly certified copies of this resolution to the Family of Vincent Albert Cianci and Tara  
21 Marie Haywood.

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