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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL J. MESSIER

Introduced By: Senators Maher, Pinga, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: March 04, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the untimely passing  
2 of Michael J. Messier, beloved husband and father, and highly respected football and softball  
3 coach; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Warwick, to Armand and Claire Messier of Coventry, Michael was  
5 the devoted husband of Carol and the loving father of Jaime and Kayla; and

6           WHEREAS, A longtime resident of West Greenwich, Mr. Messier was employed as an  
7 electrician for the West Warwick School District and was a member of the IBEW Local 99 for  
8 fourteen years; and

9           WHEREAS, George Halas, founder of the Chicago Bears, was once quoted as saying,  
10 “What makes a good coach? Complete dedication.” There is truly no more fitting or apt  
11 description of Mike Messier; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Messier was the Head Coach for the Exeter-West Greenwich High  
13 School Football Team, the Scarlet Knights, and Head Coach of the school’s Girls’ Softball Team.  
14 He had the ability to inspire young people to envision their possibilities and to have confidence in  
15 themselves and their abilities. He lead his "Knights" to their first state championship win with a  
16 victory in the Division IV Super Bowl in 2008, and repeated the feat in 2009, with two straight  
17 wins during the playoffs and a 14-point victory in the Super Bowl; and

18           WHEREAS, Coach Messier was the kind of man who was always willing to help and the  
19 first to volunteer his time, and even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn his passing,  
20 so must we celebrate the spirit and generosity with which he lived every day of his life; and

1           WHEREAS, Mike Messier was blessed with the love of his family, the admiration of his  
2 colleagues, and the gratitude and respect of all of the young men and women he has guided; now,  
3 therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
5 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire Messier Family on the passing of Michael  
6 J. Messier; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Carol Messier and Family.

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