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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL R. CLEMENT

Introduced By: Senator Harold M. Metts

Date Introduced: May 11, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Michael  
2 R. Clement, the husband of the late Leslee Clement, cherished father of Regina Clement and  
3 Nicole Clement, and a true leader in the community; and

4           WHEREAS, "Mike" as he was known to his family and many friends, was the beloved  
5 son of Maurice L. Clement and the late William D. Seals. He was the brother of Vincent Clement  
6 and his companion, Elizabeth Gomes, Leroy Clement and his wife, Vergie, and Robert Clement;  
7 and

8           WHEREAS, Blessed with outstanding athletic ability, Mr. Clement had played football  
9 and basketball at Central High School and was a member of the South Side Intruders. Upon  
10 graduation, he attended Roger Williams University, earning his Bachelor's degree in Sociology;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, A hard-working man, Mr. Clement's career with the City of Providence  
13 spanned 33 years. He was elected as the first African American City Clerk of the City of  
14 Providence in 1991, retiring in 2006, and he had also served as First and Second Deputy City  
15 Clerk of the City of Providence, and as the Director of the Davey Lopes Recreation Center; and

16           WHEREAS, Always an active and contributing member of the community, Mr. Clement  
17 was on the Board of Directors of the Omni Development Corporation, John Hope Settlement  
18 House, South Providence Boys & Girls Club, Providence Corporation and Wiggins Village  
19 Apartments. He was also a member of the 11th Democratic Ward Committee and the Prince Hall  
20 Masons (Prince Hall Grand Lodge), and was affiliated with the Best Friends Foundation and

1 Progress for Providence; and

2 WHEREAS, Mike Clement was a generous and caring man who loved to fish and share  
3 his catch with those he loved. His infamous fried fish seasonings are now forever lost but will  
4 surely be fondly remembered. He was a fan of HBCU college football and would annually help to  
5 organize bus trips to the Rhode Island Football Classic. He was also an avid collector of black  
6 memorabilia and had amassed a panoply of treasures in his collection including, hats, t-shirts,  
7 jackets and posters of the Negro League Baseball Teams, the Buffalo Soldiers and the Tuskegee  
8 Airmen; and

9 WHEREAS, The greatest tribute to Michael Clement would be a celebration of his  
10 momentous life, a life in which each day was lived fully and joyfully embraced. He was fortunate  
11 to have always enjoyed the love of his family and friends, and in return, he brightened and  
12 enriched the lives of all around him. He will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
14 hereby expresses sincere condolences and sympathy on the passing of Michael R. Clement; and  
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
17 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Maurice L. Clement, Regina Clement, and  
18 Nicole Clement.

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