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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DONN C. DIBIASIO

Introduced By: Representatives Petrarca, Winfield, Ucci, Lally, and Mattiello

Date Introduced: January 05, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Donn
2 C. DiBiasio, the beloved husband of D. Cynthia “Cindy” Julien, the father of Michael, Steven,
3 Kenneth, and Roger, brother of James DiBiasio, Jean Fleury, and Ann Fricker, and loving
4 grandfather to many grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Originally from Westville, New York, Mr. DiBiasio became a Rhode
6 Islander at the age of seven, when his family moved to the Ocean State; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. DiBiasio was a graduate of Hope High School and the Rhode Island
8 Radio & Technical School. He went on to teach Electronics at Davies Vocational School and
9 Woonsocket Vocational and Technical School. Also an entrepreneur, Mr. DiBiasio owned and
10 operated D-B Guns and D&B Antenna & Electronics in Providence; and

11 WHEREAS, As a fervent supporter of Second Amendment rights, Mr. DiBiasio
12 demonstrated his passion for firearms as an NRA Benefactor life member and through his 50-
13 years serving as a volunteer lobbyist on gun, sportsman, and Second Amendment-related issues at
14 the Rhode Island General Assembly; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. DiBiasio spent many wonderful hours hunting, fishing, and honing his
16 skills as a recreational and competitive shooter. His reputation as a court expert on firearms
17 reached the national level; and

18 WHEREAS, Committed to serving his community, Mr. DiBiasio was a board member on
19 firearm, shooter, and sportsmen groups, including the NRA, Rhode Island State Rifle and
20 Revolver Association, Continental Sloop Providence, Rhode Island Firearms Dealers Association,

1 the Review Board of Rhode Island Pre-Purchase Firearms Safety Training Review, Gun Owners
2 Political Action Committee, Federal Blues Rhode Island Militia, and the Providence Maritime
3 Heritage Committee. He also belonged to many gun and artillery-related organizations in the
4 state; and

5 WHEREAS, Through his service as secretary and legislative director of the Rhode Island
6 State Rifle and Revolver Association, Mr. DiBiasio was well-known by generations of state
7 elected officials; and

8 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Donn DiBiasio left this world a far better place
9 because of his life's endeavors. He was a steadfast gentleman, whose integrity and determination
10 enriched the lives of all who knew him and was an inspiration to us all; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
12 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Donn C.
13 DiBiasio; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to D. Cynthia Julien and Family.

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