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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CASEY FRAZER
HILL MERCER

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, and Lanzi

Date Introduced: June 29, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Casey
2 Frazer Hill Mercer, a remarkable young woman whose love, kindness, and vivaciousness left an
3 indelible impression on everyone she met; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Providence to Roger and Lynn (Frazer) Hill, Casey was the devoted
5 wife of Tim Mercer, the daughter of Mary (Trudeau) Hill, the adoring sister of Caroline, Jehanne,
6 Julia, and Anders Hill, and the granddaughter of Brigadier General Thomas and Carolyn Frazer,
7 and Jane and Tom Griffiths; and

8 WHEREAS, Casey was an accomplished scholar, graduating from Phillips Academy
9 where she earned the Lorant Fellowship for The Most Earnest Endeavor, which recognizes
10 students who, through sheer determination and effort, have demonstrated the desire to succeed.
11 The award allowed her to spend the summer after her junior year studying and exploring art,
12 architecture, and culture in Barcelona, Spain; and

13 WHEREAS, Casey's academic achievements continued at Commonwealth Honors
14 College at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where she spent a semester in Chile
15 perfecting her language skills, graduated Summa Cum Laude, and was inducted into the Phi Beta
16 Kappa Honor society; and

17 WHEREAS, An exceptional person of many talents, Casey proudly followed a family
18 tradition begun by her father, running the Marine Corps Marathon in New York City in 2006. She

1 displayed a flair for the arts, enjoyed painting, photography, and all forms of visual artwork, sang
2 in a cappella groups and in a gospel choir, and, as a child, was an accomplished magician; and

3 WHEREAS, At the Hyde School, Casey found her true calling as an educator, and her
4 skills in language and love for students earned her the position of Head of the Foreign Language
5 Department and head of house in a girl's dormitory. Casey's dynamic teaching had a profound
6 influence on her students in the classroom, and she also changed lives through her coaching on
7 the athletic fields, in cross-country, swimming, and diving; and

8 WHEREAS, Casey's time at the Hyde School was a special period in her life, and she
9 was happy to able to share this beautiful place with family and friends when they gathered in the
10 Sunken Gardens to celebrate her marriage to the love of her life, Tim; and

11 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of
12 Casey, so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which she lived. Her life and
13 achievements will live on for many years to come in the memories of everyone fortunate enough
14 to have been touched by the quality of this remarkable young woman; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
16 hereby expresses our deepest condolences on the passing of Casey Frazer Hill Mercer; and be it
17 further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Tim Mercer.

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