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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PATRICIA M. GOODWIN

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Ruggerio, Algieri, Perry, and Pichardo

Date Introduced: January 03, 2012

Referred To: Senate read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness and regret that this Senate has learned of the
2 passing of Patricia M. Goodwin, a generous and loving woman who was deeply devoted to her
3 family. Patricia was the wife of former Senator Thomas N. Goodwin. Tom and Pat were married
4 for fifty-three years. The Senate family grieves along with Tom and their daughters, Senator
5 Maryellen Goodwin, Sheila A. Connelly and her husband, Paul, and Maureen P. LaRocque and
6 her husband, Jeffrey, four loving grandchildren, Marygrace Heywood, Teresa Rose, John Paul
7 LaRocque, and Liam Thomas Connelly, and her sister, Elizabeth A. Hynes; and

8 WHEREAS, Pat was born in Providence on Saint Patrick's Day seventy-six years ago, a
9 daughter of the late William J. and Mary E. (McGrath) Hogan. She lived in the Smith Hill
10 neighborhood for many years before moving to North Providence eighteen years ago; and

11 WHEREAS, Pat was a genealogist for the State of Rhode Island, Department of Vital
12 Records, for eighteen years, retiring in 1997. In retirement she and her daughter, Maureen, hosted
13 Perfect Beginnings Family Christian Day Care at her North Providence home; and

14 WHEREAS, A 1949 graduate of Tyler School and a 1952 graduate of Saint Xavier
15 Academy, Pat attended Providence College. She was acting deputy Recorder of Deeds for the
16 City of Providence from 1952 until her mother, Mary, became ill in 1959; and

17 WHEREAS, Pat was a faithful communicant of Saint Patrick Church; and

18 WHEREAS, A member of the 1st Senatorial District Committee and the Saint Xavier
19 Alumnae Association, Pat was also an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox. She enjoyed both

1 watching the game, and letting her son-in-law, Jeff, and every Yankee fan, know about it when
2 the Red Sox were doing well; and

3 WHEREAS, Welcoming and warm to everyone she met, Pat opened the doors of her
4 home for all to enjoy good food and good company during holidays and special occasions, such
5 as her birthday, which she loved. From Christmas carolers to Smith Hill neighborhood gatherings
6 at her house during the annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade, she brought joy to family, friends, and
7 neighbors throughout the year with her hospitality and her infectious smile; and

8 WHEREAS, A remarkable and gracious woman whose giving heart, magnanimous spirit,
9 and omnipresent good humor greatly enriched the lives of her family, friends, and everyone
10 around her, Pat filled her life was filled with good deeds and good times. She represented all that
11 is best in people and in our state. She will be sadly missed and fondly remembered for her grace,
12 humor, and faith; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
14 hereby offers its sincere condolences to Pat's husband, Thomas, her daughters Maryellen, Sheila,
15 and Maureen, her grandchildren Marygrace, Teresa, John, and Liam, and her sister, Elizabeth;
16 and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The Honorable Thomas N. Goodwin and
19 Family.

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