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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WAYNE FRENCH

Introduced By: Senators Shibley, Kettle, Pinga, Maher, and Hodgson

Date Introduced: January 10, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Wayne
2 French, whose life and achievements will live on for many years to come in the memories of
3 everyone fortunate enough to have been touched by the quality of this remarkable gentleman; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Cranston, Wayne was the son of the late Lemuel and Blanche
5 (Paliotta) French; and

6 WHEREAS, Wayne was the beloved fiancé of Tammy Hicks and the former husband of
7 28 years to Karen French, both of Coventry. He was the beloved father to Crystal French and
8 Christopher French of Coventry. Wayne was also the devoted brother of Garry French, Sr., of
9 Coventry and Gail French of New Jersey. He was the cherished uncle of Garry French, Jr., Kim
10 French, Alea French, and Kerry Casey; and

11 WHEREAS, With a strong sense of civic duty, Detective Wayne French was a 21-year
12 veteran of the Coventry Police Department and had served as part of the detective division since
13 September, 2001; and

14 WHEREAS, Wayne was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying running, gardening, hiking,
15 golfing, fishing, hunting, and just relaxing on the pond. He loved great food, whether cooking a
16 gourmet meal at home or eating at a fine restaurant. He had a contagious smile and loved serving
17 the community. Wayne was an avid Red Sox and Patriots fan; and

18 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of
19 Wayne, so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which he lived every day of
20 his life; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire French Family on the passing of Wayne
3 French; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Miss Tammy Hicks and the French Family

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