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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MICHELE R. CALITRI

Introduced By: Senators McBurney, Paiva-Weed, P Fogarty, Felag, and Pinga

Date Introduced: January 21, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Michele  
2 R. "Mike" Calitri on January 17<sup>th</sup> of 2010; and

3 WHEREAS, At his passing, Mr. Calitri was eighty-four years old. He was the devoted  
4 husband of fifty-five years to Rita (Lefebvre) Calitri, and the loving father to daughter, Elaine  
5 (Calitri) Felag, and her husband, Senator Walter S. Felag, Jr., of Warren, Rhode Island, and their  
6 son, Michael Calitri, and his wife, Ellen (Clerkin) Calitri, of Gilman, Connecticut; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Calitri was the doting grandfather of four grandchildren, Jake Felag,  
8 Zeke Felag, Steven Calitri, and Diane Calitri, and leaves one sister, Anna Florenzano, of  
9 Barrington, and many nephews and nieces. He was also the brother of the late Nicholas Calitri,  
10 Louis Calitri, Freddy Calitri, Mary Brant, Clara Martone, Ida Castle, Olga D'Abate, and Dora  
11 Venditouli; and

12 WHEREAS, Son of the late Michele and Carmella (Manuppelli) Calitri, Mr. Calitri was  
13 born in Barrington, Rhode Island; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Calitri served with honor in the Army during WWII as a Technician  
15 Fifth Grade. He received the American Campaign Medal, European African Middle Eastern  
16 Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the WWII Victory Medal. He was a lifetime  
17 member of the American Legion Post 10 in Riverside; and

18 WHEREAS, A loyal and hardworking man, Mr. Calitri along with his late brother Louis  
19 were the owners of Barrington Radio for sixty-three years. His customers enjoyed his friendly  
20 personality and marveled at his outstanding mechanical and electrical abilities, evidenced through

1 his skill at fixing any television, washing machine, or other appliance; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Calitri was the second to last member of an exclusive club known  
3 simply as the “Green Chair Society.” Mike Calitri, Joe Puzzullo, Louis Calitri, Joe Cioe,  
4 Anthony DeSisto, Gary Dorsi, Pete Dorzi, and other members used to sit for hours in front of the  
5 store discussing sports, politics, potential winners at the local racetracks, and the abundant  
6 fleecing of America; and

7 WHEREAS, Mike was an avid Providence College Friar Basketball and New York  
8 Yankees fan. He loved watching his grandchildren play various sports and having his daughter,  
9 Elaine, bring him his daily Dunkin Donuts decaffeinated coffee with cream and one Splenda; and

10 WHEREAS, Our thoughts and hearts hold great empathy and sorrow for the family of  
11 Mike Calitri. He was a loving husband, a great father, a devoted grandfather, and a terrific uncle.  
12 He enriched the lives of all who knew him and he will be dearly missed in the community; now,  
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
15 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Rita Calitri and the entire Calitri Family on the  
16 passing of Michele “Mike” Calitri; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby authorized and directed to  
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Rita Calitri, Mrs. Elaine Felag, and Mr.  
19 Michael Calitri and Family.

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