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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE STEPHEN D. ALVES FOR HIS SERVICE TO THE
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Walaska, Goodwin, Ruggerio, and Paiva-Weed

Date Introduced: January 26, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Our good friend and colleague, Senator Stephen D. Alves, represented the
2 people of District 9 in the Rhode Island Senate, devoting sixteen years of service to his
3 constituents in West Warwick and to the citizens of the State of Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of the University of Rhode Island, Senator Alves is the Senior
5 Financial Advisor at Dorrance Street Financial. He and his lovely wife, Debra, have two
6 children, William and Kaitlyn; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Alves was elected to the Rhode Island Senate in November of 1990.
8 Earning the respect of his peers, he was appointed chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and
9 served as a member of the Constitutional and Regulatory Issues Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of almost two decades, Senator Alves was an outspoken
11 advocate on myriad issues. His primary efforts centered on crafting a state budget that was
12 “responsible, responsive, and most of all, realistic.” He worked on legislation to make
13 prescription medications more affordable for seniors and sponsored many pro-life efforts. He
14 championed initiatives to provide veterans with permanent housing and urgently needed training
15 programs, to dramatically increase nursing programs at the state’s public colleges and university,
16 to expand health insurance coverage to cover hearing aids, and to improve the state’s nursing
17 homes, to name just a few; and

18 WHEREAS, With an irrepressible sense of humor, the “king of low-numbered license
19 plates” had an uncanny ability to attract attention from the news media; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Alves always made salient points during deliberations upon an
2 issue. He passionately and persistently represented his constituents, but only once was the threat
3 of Capitol Police intervention necessary; and

4 WHEREAS, Never one to pull punches, Senator Alves always made his opinion known.
5 Advocates on all sides of an issue appreciated his candor, his willingness to keep his door open,
6 and his careful consideration of their points of view; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Alves' commitment to the community extended far beyond his
8 service at the State House. He is a member of the Board of Directors for the West Warwick
9 Senior Center and a member of the Board of Incorporators for Centerville Bank and the Kent
10 Hospital; and

11 WHEREAS, Senator Alves' leadership and tireless devotion to the citizens of the Ocean
12 State have earned him our unqualified admiration and respect, and he is most assuredly missed;
13 now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby thanks The Honorable Stephen Alves for a job well done, and we extend our sincere
16 wishes for his continued health, happiness, and success.

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 Stephen D. Alves.

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