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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING JOSEPH FRANK WOJTANOWSKI, JR.

Introduced By: Senator Ana B. Quezada

Date Introduced: February 11, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Joseph Frank Wojtanowski, Jr., was born in Perth Amboy, New Jersey, on
2 October 13, 1941, the son of Joseph and Lucille Wojtanowski; and

3 WHEREAS, At the young age of seventeen, Mr. Wojtanowski joined the Navy. While
4 docked in Rhode Island, he met and fell in love with his wife, Frances, and was married a few
5 years later; and

6 WHEREAS, Upon discharge from the Navy, Mr. Wojtanowski and his wife made the
7 City of Providence their permanent home, raising six children in their large and loving family;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, As Mrs. Wojtanowski stayed home with the children, Mr. Wojtanowski
10 attended college in the evenings, earning his degree in Business Management, and worked for
11 many years as a welder, blacksmith and machinist; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Wojtanowski was employed at Tower Iron Works for seventeen years,
13 the last seven of which he maintained perfect attendance. After the company closed its doors, he
14 worked at Corner and Ladder, where he once again attained perfect attendance for ten years until
15 that shop closed its doors; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1988, Mr. Wojtanowski began working as a Correctional Officer at the
17 State of RI Adult Correctional Institutions, where he was honored with a plaque for achieving
18 perfect attendance during his first ten years. After a period of time off, he returned to the ACI,
19 where he reached perfect attendance for another ten years and six months; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to supporting and helping to raise his family, Mr. Wojtanowski

1 volunteered with the Elmwood Little League from 1980 through 1987, and after a few years off,
2 returned to the league, where he served as President and currently continues to help out; and

3 WHEREAS, Joe Wojtanowski endured heartache with the loss of his beloved wife and
4 son to cancer, but he has also been blessed with the devotion and love of twelve grandchildren
5 and five great-grandchildren; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby honors Joseph Frank Wojtanowski, Jr., for a life well-lived and many wonderful
8 achievements. We wish him continued good health, happiness, and fulfillment for many years to
9 come; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Joseph Frank Wojtanowski, Jr.

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