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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 MARIA (SCIARRA)
COSTANTINO

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Ruggiero, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 28, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we offer our condolences to the
2 Costantino family on the passing of family matriarch Maria (Sciarra) Costantino. Born in
3 Providence the daughter of Antonio and Antonetta (Brosco) Sciarra, she was the wife of the late
4 Vincent Costantino for 36 years and loving mother to her seven sons, Alan and Gregory of
5 Lincoln, Damian, Steven, and Joseph of Providence, and the late Anthony and Gary; and

6 WHEREAS, An institution in the venerable Federal Hill neighborhood of Providence,
7 Maria Costantino was a caseworker for youth and a Nursing Assistant at the Providence
8 Ambulatory Health Care Center. In addition, her family owns and runs Venda Ravioli, a beloved
9 restaurant and business establishment in Federal Hill, a community known for its outstanding
10 restaurants and fine food establishments; and

11 WHEREAS, Maria and her family have contributed much over the years to the fabric of
12 life in Federal Hill, as well as to Providence and the State of Rhode Island. Her son, the
13 Honorable Steven Costantino, was a distinguished and highly respected member of the Rhode
14 Island General Assembly and the Chairman of the House Finance Committee, and currently
15 serves as the Secretary of the Rhode Island Office of Health and Human Services; and

16 WHEREAS, Maria is also survived by her sister Elia Viti of Providence, a brother,
17 Rudolph Sciarra of Providence, fifteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She was the
18 sister of the late Victor, John, Edward, Umberto, Guerino, Dante, and Joseph Sciarra, and
19 Margaret Krupa and Beatrice Silva; and

1 WHEREAS, Maria was also a dear and trusted friend to many and a beloved member of
2 the Federal Hill community. She will be sorely missed by her family, friends, and loved ones, but
3 her presence and spirit will carry on in the hearts of all who knew her; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby expresses its deepest sorrows to the Costantino family on the passing of Maria (Sciarra)
6 Costantino; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Steven Costantino, Secretary of
9 the Rhode Island Office of Health and Human Services, and family of Maria Costantino.

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