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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PAUL J. WILDENHAIN

Introduced By: Senators Doyle, McBurney, Crowley, Miller, and P Fogarty

Date Introduced: March 03, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Paul J.
2 Wildenhain, a resident and well-respected citizen of the City of Pawtucket; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Pawtucket, Paul was the son of the late Bartholomew and Magdalen
4 (McGuirk) Wildenhain, and the devoted husband for 49 years to Florence L. (Ware) Wildenhain.
5 He was the loving father of five sons, Matthew and his wife, Diane, Donald and his wife, Stacey,
6 Christopher and his wife, Petra, Mark, Kevin, and one daughter, Paula Wildenhain. Paul was the
7 proud grandfather of Stacie, Scott, Kailey, Ryan, Paul, Gerrit, Brenden, and Evan; and

8 WHEREAS, Upon his graduation from St. Raphael Academy, Paul spent time studying
9 with the Christian Brothers of De LaSalle. He was employed by Corning Glass Works in Central
10 Falls for over twenty years. In 1985 Mr. Wildenhain was appointed by Governor J. Joseph
11 Garrahy as an advocate for Workers' Compensation in the State of Rhode Island, a position he
12 held until his retirement in 2005; and

13 WHEREAS, Dedicated to public service, Mr. Wildenhain was a member of the
14 Pawtucket School Committee for two terms. He was then elected to the Pawtucket City Council
15 in 1997. As a City Councilman, Paul served on various committees and was the Chairman of the
16 Animal Control Committee. Paul was a strong advocate for the Pawtucket Police Department's
17 DARE Program; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, Paul was a dedicated citizen to his country, serving proudly in
19 the United States Navy for many years. He lived his life to be involved in the betterment of his
20 country; and

1 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of Paul
2 J. Wildenhain, so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which he lived every
3 day of his life; and

4 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, respected Pawtucket City Councilman and
5 member of the United States Navy, Paul's life and achievements will live on for many years to
6 come in the memories of everyone fortunate enough to have been touched by the quality of this
7 remarkable gentleman; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire Wildenhain Family on the passing of Paul
10 J. Wildenhain; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Florence L. Wildenhain and Family.

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