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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF RHODE ISLAND  
STATE POLICE DETECTIVE SERGEANT JAMES D. DOUGHERTY

Introduced By: Senators Walaska, Maher, Paiva-Weed, Miller, and Connors

Date Introduced: March 18, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, With heavy hearts and heartfelt grief, we bid farewell to Rhode Island State  
2 Police Detective Sergeant James D. Dougherty, who passed away tragically on Sunday, March  
3 14, 2010; and

4           WHEREAS, Detective Sergeant Dougherty was the son of James L. Dougherty, a retired  
5 Rhode Island State Trooper, and Dale (Richardson) Dougherty. He was a 1986 graduate of  
6 Rogers High School, where he participated in football, hockey, and baseball. He continued his  
7 education at Salve Regina University, and earned a B.S. and a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice  
8 from Roger Williams University; and

9           WHEREAS, Detective Sergeant Dougherty was a member of the 1990 Training  
10 Academy Class and, after graduating, was assigned to Uniform Patrol. In 1995, he was selected  
11 to the Detective Bureau, where he served in the Narcotics Unit, Intelligence Unit, Major Crimes  
12 Unit, Violent Fugitive Task Force, Lottery Investigations, and A.C.I. Investigations. In 2004, he  
13 was promoted to Corporal and was assigned to the Wickford Barracks as Shift Supervisor. In  
14 2008, he was promoted to Detective Sergeant and was assigned as a Supervisor in the Narcotics  
15 Unit. During his distinguished career, Detective Sergeant Dougherty earned many  
16 commendations for his investigative abilities; and

17           WHEREAS, James devoted much of his off-duty time giving back to the community as a  
18 coach in the Pop Warner Football League. He coached the Edgewood Eagles to a 2008  
19 undefeated season to win the Rhode Island/Southeastern Massachusetts Championship. He also

1 coached in the Pee Wee Division and devoted time to the Exeter/West Greenwich Youth Football  
2 League; and

3 WHEREAS, Detective Sergeant James Dougherty was the husband of Diane M.  
4 (Napolillo) Dougherty, a Detective Corporal in the Rhode Island State Police Department. He  
5 was the son of James L. and Dale Dougherty, the brother of Kimberly Dougherty and Steven J.  
6 Dougherty and his wife, Shauna. He leaves two nephews, Casey Dougherty and Raj Napolillo;  
7 four nieces, Alycia Dougherty, Courtney Clarke, Sarah Rose Napolillo, and Maya Napolillo;  
8 mother-in-law Dorothy Napolillo; father-in-law E. Richard Napolillo and his wife, Lauren;  
9 brothers-in-law Dr. David Napolillo and his wife, Dr. Jaimini Desai, and Richard Napolillo; now,  
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
12 hereby expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Rhode Island State Police Detective  
13 Sergeant James D. Dougherty; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Diane M. Dougherty, James L. Dougherty, and  
16 Dale Dougherty.

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