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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF VIRGINIA O'CONNOR

Introduced By: Senator Harold M. Metts

Date Introduced: May 06, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Virginia O'Connor, a resident and well-respected citizen of the City of Providence; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Virginia was the daughter of the late
4 Rose Conceicao and the late John Nascimento. She was the devoted wife of the late Thomas F.
5 O'Connor, Sr. Virginia was the loving mother of Thomas F. O'Connor, Jr., and his wife, Donna,
6 Barry O'Connor, Sr., and his wife, Cleora, Joyce O'Connor, and Jacqueline Woods and her
7 husband, Kevin. She was predeceased by two children, the late Rosemarie O'Connor-Jennings
8 and the late Gerald O'Connor. Virginia was the proud grandmother of twenty grandchildren,
9 twenty-three great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. She was the grandmother of the
10 late Troy and Malik O'Connor; and

11 WHEREAS, Virginia attended New Bedford High School, where she served as captain of
12 the girls basketball team. After marrying in 1941, Virginia and her infant daughter dutifully
13 waited for her husband to return home from service in the Pacific during World War II. She
14 worked in the New Bedford Fishing Industry while raising her children; and

15 WHEREAS, After moving to Providence in 1954, Virginia was employed by the
16 Providence School Department. She worked as a teacher's assistant at the Edmund W. Flynn
17 Elementary School and the O.H. Perry Middle School until her retirement in 1989; and

18 WHEREAS, Virginia, a community activist, was a member of Fearless Fifty group. She
19 and her husband formed Providence's first known block club, the Dudley Street Beautification
20 Association. Virginia enjoyed traveling and always attended every function that she was invited

1 to; and

2 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of
3 Virginia O'Connor, so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which she lived
4 every day of her life; and

5 WHEREAS, A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Virginia's life and achievements
6 will live on for many years to come in the memories of everyone fortunate enough to have been
7 touched by the quality of this remarkable woman; 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 O'Connor Family on the passing of
10 Virginia O'Connor; 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 Thomas F. O'Connor, Jr., and family.

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