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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DONALD P. BOUCHER

Introduced By: Senator Dawn M. Euer

Date Introduced: May 15, 2018

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this Senate has learned of the untimely passing of
2 Donald P. Boucher, the beloved husband of Esther Boucher, and the loving father of Lora
3 Dearing and her husband, Michael, Rebecca Gauna and her husband, Louie, Melissa Foglesong,
4 David Boucher and his wife, Abby, Brian Boucher and his wife, Gabby, John Boucher, Daniel
5 Boucher and his wife, Jane, and Deborah, Timothy, Emily, Angelina, Giada and Hazel Boucher.
6 He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and many friends; and

7 WHEREAS, On May 7, 2018, Mr. Boucher was killed in a horrific accident after the
8 motorbike he was driving collided head-on with a Jeep. His wife reflected on the fragility of life
9 stating "...It is a constant reminder ... We are not promised tomorrow"; and

10 WHEREAS, Born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Mr. Boucher was the son of the late
11 Joseph and Eugenie Boucher, and the brother of Joan Martin, Paul Boucher, Rene Boucher,
12 Simone Costa, and the late Joseph Boucher. He was the son-in-law of Rodney Sowalskie; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Boucher was a graduate of New Bedford High School and received his
14 Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Bridgewater State College. Continuing his education, he
15 received an advanced diploma in practical theology from International Seminary, his Master's
16 degree in Management and Leadership from Warren National University, and his Doctor of
17 Philosophy in Theology from Atlantic Coast Seminary; and

18 WHEREAS, Civic minded and devoted to those in need, Mr. Boucher was a member of
19 the Newport Zoning Board of Review, and had been very active in issues affecting the homeless.
20 He served as Director of Housing First and homeless services at Riverwood Mental Health

1 Services in Barrington and Providence, and had been instrumental in bringing Housing First to
2 Newport; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Boucher shared his time and talents with a number of community and
4 civic associations including serving as a member of the Board of Directors of the Rhode Island
5 Coalition for the Homeless, working with Bethlehem Center Interdenominational Homeless
6 Outreach, and was the founder and President of Gates of Praise Ministries; and

7 WHEREAS, "Well-liked and highly regarded," Don Boucher leaves a legacy of true
8 dedication and empathy for his fellow man, and will be deeply missed by all who had the good
9 fortune to have known him; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby extends deepest condolences on the passing of Donald P. Boucher; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Esther Boucher and Family.

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