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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF AMERICO D.
TESTA

Introduced By: Senators Lanzi, and Metts

Date Introduced: May 16, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Americo Domenico-Lucio Testa, a true leader, a visionary, and the founder of the Santa Maria
3 DiPrata Society; and

4 WHEREAS, Americo was born in Prata Sannita Provincia, Caserta, Italy, in 1929 to the
5 late Carlo and Maria (Storti) Testa. He and his family came to America and settled in Cranston,
6 RI, in the 1940's; and

7 WHEREAS, Americo was the beloved husband of Elisabetta (Girardi) Testa, the beloved
8 father of AnnMarie DiBiasio and her husband, Arcangelo, Carlo Testa and his wife, Robin,
9 Americo Testa and his wife, Luana, and Elisabeth Lucia Testa, and the loving brother of
10 Giovannia Lanni, Giuseppina Pellegrino, and the late Lucia Riccio. Americo was also the very
11 proud grandfather of Angelo DiBiasio, Michelle McGreevy, Americo and Ashley Testa, and
12 Jayden and Michael Testa, and the great grandfather of Andrew, Sophia, and Amelia DiBiasio,
13 and Liliana and Natalia McGreevy; and

14 WHEREAS, Americo was a prominent and respected businessman and member of the
15 community. A carpenter by trade, Americo turned his house building skills into a thriving
16 business, the Americo D. Testa Building Company, Inc.; and

17 WHEREAS, A profoundly religious man, Americo, along with Father Angelo Susin, the
18 former Pastor of St. Rocco's Church, and 28 other founding members, established the Santa
19 Maria DiPrata Society in 1986. Not only was Americo a founder of the society, but he also served

1 as its president; and

2 WHEREAS, A kind-hearted and selfless person who consistently prioritized the needs of
3 others, Americo would regularly house immigrant Italian families until they were able to become
4 self sufficient; and

5 WHEREAS, Above all, Americo cherished his family and the time they spent together.
6 From cultivating his olive and fig trees, to playing cards with friends, to watching his
7 grandchildren and great grandchildren grow, Americo provided a loving model of how to enjoy
8 the simple pastimes in life; and

9 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by the passing of Americo, so we must
10 celebrate the spirit, endless generosity, and the compassion with which he lived every day of his
11 life; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire Testa Family on the passing of Americo D.
14 Testa; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the State be and he hereby is authorized and directed
16 to transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Elisabetta Testa and Family.

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