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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HONORARY CONSUL OF  
PORTUGAL, JOHN CARLOS MARTINS

Introduced By: Senator Daniel DaPonte

Date Introduced: June 23, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with immense sadness that this Senate has learned of the untimely  
2 passing of the Honorable John Carlos Martins; and

3 WHEREAS, John Carlos Martins, born in Portugal, the Azores, in the parish of the  
4 Altares, Angra do Heroísmo, was a distinguished member of the Portuguese-American  
5 community in Southern California. He had a long and exemplary public service career, serving  
6 with honor, and integrity as a Councilman from 2001 to 2003, and as the Mayor of Artesia, Los  
7 Angeles County from 2004 to 2010; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Martins also served with distinction as the Honorary Consul of  
9 Portugal, a position he was appointed to in 2015, and held until his passing. In this capacity Mr.  
10 Martin was a guest during a recent visit to California by the Portuguese Prime Minister, António  
11 Costa. Mr. Martins was also a loving husband to his wife, Karen Martins, a doting father to his  
12 children, Cole, Kyle, and Chelsea, and a devoted son to his mother, Lenia Jacinto; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Martins was also an active member of the Artesia Divino Espirito Santo  
14 (D.E.S.) Portuguese Hall, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of  
15 important Portuguese cultural traditions. He also served as its President for many terms; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Martins was a talented musician and successful entrepreneur. He was a  
17 beloved figure within the Portuguese-American community in California and will be sorely  
18 missed by his loved ones and many friends and colleagues; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of the Honorable John Carlos Martins;  
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Karen Martins and Family.

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