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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GREGORY A. JONES (LT.-RET.
CFD)

Introduced By: Senator Ryan W. Pearson

Date Introduced: May 09, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Gregory
2 A. Jones (LT.-RET. CFD) a dedicated public servant and firefighter; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was born in Providence, the son of Anne Jones and the late
4 Arthur Jones. He was a resident of Cumberland for the past 25 years and had previously resided
5 in North Kingstown and Pawtucket; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones had a distinguished professional career as an Engineer for
7 Verizon for 31 years. At the same time, he served as a paid-on-call firefighter for 21 years with
8 the former Cumberland Hill Fire District; and

9 WHEREAS, After retiring from Verizon, Mr. Jones became a member of the
10 Cumberland Fire District where he served with distinction and tireless service until his retirement
11 due to illness in 2022; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones' commitment to public service and community extended beyond
13 his professional responsibilities. He served as a member of the Cumberland Firefighters Local
14 2722, (IAFF), the Rhode Island State Association of Firefighters (RISAFF), the International
15 Association of Firefighters, (IAFF), and as the past President and board member of the Public
16 Safety Union Hall. He was also previously a member of the former Cumberland Hill Firefighters
17 Association; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones' additional charitable endeavors included supporting the Rhode
19 Island Special Olympics, where he contributed many hours of service in support of the Penguin

1 Plunge, the Torch Run, and the State Summer Games at URI, and national events including
2 serving at some Special Olympics USA Games; and

3 WHEREAS, In his free hours, Mr. Jones enjoyed spending quality time with his family
4 and many friends, especially water related activities ranging from cruising on the water to
5 spending quiet time on a tranquil pond; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to his mother, Anne, Mr. Jones leaves behind his children,
7 Jennifer Ricard, and Jonathan Richmond and his wife, Nikki. He also leaves behind his sisters,
8 Kerri Austin and her husband, Joe, Kristine Jones and her husband, Jerry, and Kimberly McPhee
9 and her husband, Nigel. Mr. Jones also leaves behind his grandchildren, Riley Ricard, Brendan
10 Ricard, Brielle Richmond and Caiden Richmond, as well as his nieces and nephews, Philip
11 Austin and his wife, Kendall, Daniel Peirce, Michael McPhee, and Sarah McPhee, and his great-
12 nephew, Demetri Austin. He was the brother of the late Timothy Jones; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its
14 condolences on the passing of Gregory A. Jones (LT.-Ret. CFD); and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Anne Jones, Jennifer Ricard and Jonathan
17 Richmond.

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