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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE TUCKER FAMILY ON THE PASSING OF
WOODROW W. TUCKER**

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: March 28, 2017

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Woodrow W. Tucker passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2017. He was
2 the beloved husband of Marjorie (Jones) Tucker for sixty-seven years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker was born in South Kingstown, a son of the late Percy H. and
4 Annie R. Tucker. He was educated at South Kingstown High School and Northeastern School of
5 Law, and was admitted to the bar in 1950. He was the co-owner and President of South County
6 Real Estate Title Insurance Co. for many years before his retirement in 1992; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker was a highly respected and esteemed member of the South
8 Kingstown community and served the town in numerous capacities, including as the 1st Probate
9 Judge, Town Moderator and Union Fire District Solicitor. He practiced as an attorney for fifty
10 years and served on the Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association. He also
11 served as President of the Washington County Bar Association, Pettaquamscut Credit Union,
12 Patrons Fire Insurance Company, and Phi Gamma Pi Fraternity, served as a Board member for
13 the Rhode Island State Grange Credit Union and Farmers and Traders Life Insurance, and was a
14 Paul Harris Fellow of the Wakefield Rotary Club; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker loved everything about South County, especially its natural
16 beauty, abundant sea shore, and its agriculture. He had a special affinity for the Grange, where he
17 was fondly known as "Woody" and was regularly sought after for his legal expertise, grange
18 knowledge, and common sense advice. He was a past master of the Perryville Grange, the
19 Washington County Pomona and the Rhode Island State Grange. At the National level of the

1 Grange, he held the offices of Gatekeeper and Executive Committee member before being elected
2 High Priest of Demeter in 1981, a position he held for fourteen years; and

3 WHEREAS, Besides his wife Marjorie, Mr. Tucker leaves behind his son, Keith B.
4 Tucker, and his four daughters, Pamela L. Sawin and her husband, Craig, Kimberly J. Smith and
5 her husband, John, Christine D. Tucker and her husband, Brian McDonnell, and Suzanne E.
6 Tucker. He also leaves behind his six grandchildren, Jennifer Witham, Christopher Sawin,
7 Christina and Meghan Smith, and Hannah and Sarah McDonnell; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby expresses its condolences to the Tucker Family on the passing of Woodrow W. Tucker;
10 and be it further

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

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