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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE RAYMOND W.  
FOGARTY

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, de la Cruz, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, and Algieri

Date Introduced: January 24, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Raymond Fogarty, a distinguished public servant and former  
2 member of the Rhode Island House of Representatives, passed away on September 27, 2018. He  
3 was the beloved husband of Phoebe Fogarty for thirty-three years; and

4           WHEREAS, Raymond Fogarty was born in Providence, the son of the late Raymond and  
5 Mary Fogarty. He was a lifelong resident of Harmony. He graduated from LaSalle Academy in  
6 1975, and from Bryant University in 1979, with a Bachelor's degree in accounting; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Fogarty had a long and exemplary career as a public servant. At various  
8 times in his life he served as the Executive Director of the Chafee Center for International  
9 Business, the Rhode Island Export Assistance Center, and the World Trade Center Rhode Island  
10 at Bryant University. As the Executive Director of the Chafee Center, Mr. Fogarty expanded its  
11 focus from an exclusively local outlook to a model of private/public enterprise that helped to  
12 forge international partnerships, sought out and attained international clients, and helped to  
13 provide local businesses with the resources to compete and succeed on the international economic  
14 stage; and

15           WHEREAS, In 2000, the Center received the President's E-Award, the most prestigious  
16 export development recognition award in the country. Mr. Fogarty also played a vital role in the  
17 creation of NASBITE, (National Association of Small Business International Trade Educators),  
18 and the credentials for the Certified Global Professional designation, which is managed by  
19 NASBITE. He was also the founder of Bryant University's World Trade Day; and

1           WHEREAS, In honor and recognition of Mr. Fogarty’s distinguished thirty year  
2 international trade career, he was honored in 2016 as the recipient of the NASBITE International  
3 John Otis Lifetime Achievement Award; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Fogarty was elected in 1982 to represent his constituents in the Town of  
5 Gloucester. In his exemplary ten years in the Rhode Island House, he served as the Chair of the  
6 Legislative Commission to Study the Tax Structure of the State of Rhode Island and as a member  
7 of the Finance Committee and the Joint Committee on Small Business; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Fogarty was devoted to his local community, donating much of his free  
9 time in service to the Gloucester community. He served as the Co-Chair of the Harmony Hill  
10 School Capital Campaign, Co-Chair of the Foster-Glocester Building Committee, and as the  
11 Moderator for the Town of Gloucester and Harmony Fire Department. Additionally, he served as  
12 the Chair of the Small Business Loan Fund and as the Co-Chair of the Rhode Island Industrial  
13 Facilities Program for the State of Rhode Island. He also took great pride in honoring the legacy  
14 of his late uncle, Congressman John E. Fogarty, by serving on the board of his foundation for  
15 persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

16           WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Phoebe, Mr. Fogarty leaves behind his children,  
17 Raymond Fogarty and his wife, Kailyn, Margaret Fogarty and her fiancé, Michael Coyle, Michael  
18 Fogarty and Joseph Fogarty. He also leaves behind his granddaughter, Margaret Fogarty, and his  
19 siblings, Elaine Pavao and her husband, Paul, Patricia Petit and her husband, Kevin, Margaret  
20 Chella and her husband, Michael, and his sister-in-law Gail Higgins Fogarty. He was the brother  
21 of the late Edward M. Fogarty, and leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and cousins; now,  
22 therefore be it

23           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
24 hereby expresses its deepest condolences to the Fogarty Family on the passing of the Honorable  
25 Raymond W. Fogarty; and be it further

26           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
27 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Phoebe Fogarty and Family.

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