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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOHN MANUEL FERREIRA

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, and Crowley

Date Introduced: March 14, 2019

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Mr. John Manuel Ferreira of Cumberland, passed away on March 7, 2019,
2 surrounded by his devoted family. He was the loving husband of Elaine Ferreira for more than
3 fifty-three years; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferreira was born on October 18, 1945, in Esmolfe, Portugal, the son of
5 the late Maria do Carmo and Francisco Ferreira. He immigrated to the United States in 1953 with
6 his mother and sister Christine, and as the oldest of fourteen children, was seen as the patriarch of
7 the family; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferreira was a graduate of Cumberland High School and Johnson &
9 Wales University. He served our nation with distinction and honor in the United States Army as
10 an MP in Thailand during the Vietnam War. He had a distinguished professional career working
11 primarily as a Senior Systems Analyst for Texas Instruments, the State of Rhode Island, Allied
12 Signal (Fram), and State Street Bank; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferreira was devoted to his faith and serving the Lord. He was a
14 lifelong member of Our Lady of Fatima Church, where he volunteered many hours in service to
15 his church and the wider community. He was also a member of the Holy Name Society, the
16 Knights of Columbus, and the Clube Juventude Lusitania for more than fifty years; and

17 WHEREAS, In his free time, Mr. Ferreira most enjoyed the simpler things in life, like
18 spending time with family and friends, especially celebrating Sunday dinners and continuing the
19 annual tradition of pepper stuffing. John also enjoyed fishing, gardening and helping others. He
20 was widely known and admired for his ability and willingness to “fix anything for anybody at any

1 time.” He was also an ardent card player and loved playing pinochle on Friday nights with his
2 friends at the Lusitania Club; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ferreira leaves behind his son, David and his wife, Cheryl, and his
4 daughter, Christine Skawinski and her husband, John. He also leaves behind his grandchildren,
5 Lauren Ferreira, Nathan Skawinski, Andrea Skawinski, Jeffrey Ferreira, and Angela Ferreira. He
6 is survived by his siblings, Christine Duarte, Cezar Ferreira and his wife, Mary, Joe Ferreira and
7 his wife, Reeni, George Ferreira, Rosemary Boisclair and her husband, Tom, Tony Ferreira and
8 his wife, Mary, Jack Ferreira and his wife, Jackie, Elizabeth Shields, Ricky Ferreira, Violet Nunes
9 and her husband, Victor, Rachel Ferreira, Laura Ferreira, and Suzanne Ferreira. He also leaves
10 behind many friends, including his lifelong friend of more than sixty years, Aurelio Santos, and
11 his wife, Marie; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Mr. John Manuel Ferreira; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to David Ferreira and Christine Skawinski.

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