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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF EDWARD F.
DONNELLY, JR.

Introduced By: Senators Goodwin, Ruggerio, Lawson, Metts, and Satchell

Date Introduced: May 23, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Edward
2 F. Donnelly, Jr., the devoted husband for forty-one years to the late Patricia Ann "Pam" Donnelly,
3 the loving father of Edward Donnelly, III, Sean Donnelly and his wife, Liz, Meredith Donnelly
4 and her wife, Jenn, the late Patricia Donnelly, and a baby son. He was also the very proud
5 grandfather of Shannon Donnelly, Molly Kate Donnelly, Henry Donnelly, and George Donnelly;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Edward Donnelly, better known as "Ted" by his family and many friends,
8 was born in Providence, a son of the late Edward and Helen Donnelly, and the brother of Ellen
9 Donnelly, Sally Donnelly, Mary Donnelly, Thomas Donnelly, James Donnelly, Paul Donnelly,
10 Robert Donnelly, and Kevin Donnelly; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Donnelly was a graduate of LaSalle Academy and Providence College,
12 and had worked for Citizens Bank for thirty-five years, retiring as an Assistant Vice President in
13 2005. During his years with the bank, he had earned a degree in Bank Administration from the
14 University of Wisconsin; and

15 WHEREAS, A proud alumnus of Providence College, Mr. Donnelly remained a season
16 ticket holder to both the school's Men's Basketball and Men's Hockey programs and was a
17 member of the Mal Brown Club, where he ultimately served as the organization's President; and

18 WHEREAS, Blessed with a large and loyal circle of friends, Mr. Donnelly had very
19 much enjoyed spending time with them at parties, playing golf, cards, or going out to eat, but

1 perhaps his favorite pastime was spending days at the beach. In his youth, he had summered in
2 Bonnet Shores with his parents and siblings and once he had his own family, he purchased a
3 home on Harbor Island to instill the same memories and passion in his children. Upon his
4 retirement, he opted "to stay warm" spending his winters in Tavernier, Florida; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Donnelly was also exceptionally fond of his Irish ancestry. He was a
6 member of the Ceilidhe Club of RI and Ireland's 32 Society, and had taken over a dozen trips to
7 the Emerald Isle with his wife, family and friends, and so it is apropos to quote the Irish blessing,
8 "Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand"; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
10 hereby extends deepest condolences on the passing of Edward F. Donnelly, Jr. He will be fondly
11 remembered and always missed; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Edward Donnelly, III, Sean Donnelly, and
14 Meredith Donnelly.

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