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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHRISTOPHER J. DOHERTY**

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Coyne, McCaffrey, Goodwin, and Algieri

Date Introduced: January 15, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Christopher J. Doherty, formerly of Attleboro, and co-owner of the 19th  
2 Hole Tavern, a beloved fixture in Hyannis, Massachusetts, passed away on December 20, 2019.  
3 He was the son of Carol M. Doherty, RN, and the late Edward J. Doherty; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Doherty was a 1981 graduate of Bishop Feehan High School, where he  
5 played basketball on the legendary team that went undefeated in his senior season. He always  
6 cherished his time at Bishop Feehan and credited the wonderful nuns there for instilling in him  
7 the values and virtues that guided him his entire life. Mr. Doherty also attended Providence  
8 College; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Doherty was a gregarious and jovial individual who was born to run a  
10 neighborhood pub. He was frequently seen outside his establishment, warmly greeting customers  
11 with a smile on his face and a cigar in his mouth, especially on hot summer nights. He always had  
12 a cheerful demeanor and disposition and was known for his kindness and willingness to help  
13 anyone in need of assistance; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Doherty was a generous supporter of numerous public safety charities.  
15 He was a sponsor of the Cape Cod Baseball League and was a communicant of St. Francis Xavier  
16 Parish in Hyannis; and

17           WHEREAS, In addition to his mother, Carol M. Doherty, Mr. Doherty leaves behind his  
18 brothers, Retired Clerk-Magistrate Edward J. Doherty and his wife, Joanne, and Retired Rhode  
19 Island State Police Colonel Brendan P. Doherty and his wife, Michele. He also leaves behind his  
20 nephew Matthew J. Doherty and his wife, Kristin, nieces Christine E. Ehlers and her husband,

1 Dan, and Kaitlin M. Wirth and her husband, Jonathan, and several great-nephews and nieces. He  
2 also leaves behind his close companion, girlfriend Natalie Sanders; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Doherty's passing is a tremendous loss for his loved ones and many  
4 friends but the memory of his love, cheerfulness and compassion for others will long live on in  
5 the hearts of all who knew and loved him; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
7 hereby expresses its condolences to the Doherty Family on the passing of Christopher J. Doherty;  
8 and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Carol M. Doherty, Edward J. Doherty, and  
11 Retired Rhode Island State Police Colonel Brendan P. Doherty.

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