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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LEO HÉROUX

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, DiPalma, Ruggerio, Lynch Prata, and Conley

Date Introduced: March 03, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Leo Héroux passed away on October 25, 2019. He was the devoted
2 husband of the late Anne-Marie Héroux of Normandy, France; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Héroux was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, on September 21, 1923, son
4 of the late Fortunat Héroux and Anysie Héroux. While a young boy, Mr. Héroux and his family
5 moved to Central Falls, where he attended Sacred Heart Academy. He later worked as a dyeing
6 machine tender in Lincoln; and

7 WHEREAS, During World War II, Mr. Héroux served our nation with honor, bravery,
8 valor and distinction as a member of the United States Army where he participated in the D-Day
9 landing at Omaha Beach in Normandy. For his service to our nation and to the French people, he
10 received the French Croix de Guerre, the French Legion of Honor Medal, and the American-
11 African-Middle Eastern Service Medal with Arrowhead; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Héroux would go on to meet the love of his life, Anne-Marie, shortly
13 after he landed at Normandy. They were married in Central Falls on January 25, 1947, and moved
14 to Coleville sur Mer in Normandy, France, where they lived for the next forty years. Mr. Héroux
15 returned to Central Falls after the passing of his wife; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Héroux's service to our nation during World War II remained an
17 indelible part of his life until his passing. He participated in the Honor Flight of World War II
18 veterans to Washington D.C., and later placed a wreath at the Statue of General Rochambeau in
19 Newport to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. In 2006, Mr. Héroux, along with four
20 other World War II veterans from Rhode Island, returned to Normandy, France, to participate in

1 the documentary, "The Price of Freedom" by Tim Gray. He also took part in the Ribbon cutting
2 ceremony in 2018 for the opening of the WWII Foundation Center in South Kingstown. He also
3 enjoyed talking about his war experiences with Professor Regina Bell's Communication Class at
4 the University of Rhode Island; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Héroux leaves behind his four children, Norman Héroux and his wife,
6 Lilliane, Nancy Héroux and her husband, Giles Theriault, Béatrice Vial and her husband, Gérard,
7 and Leslie Héroux and his wife, Arlene. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren, ten great-
8 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Héroux was the brother of the late Antonio,
9 Edouard, and Rodrique Héroux; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby expresses its deepest condolences to the Héroux Family on the passing of Leo Héroux;
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Norman Héroux, Nancy Héroux, Béatrice Vial,
15 and Leslie Héroux.

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