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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE
JAMES P. MCSTAY

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Ruggerio, and Algieri

Date Introduced: February 10, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable James McStay of Bristol, formerly of East Providence,
2 passed away on January 19, 2021. He was the beloved husband of Cheryl McStay for forty-seven
3 years; and

4 WHEREAS, James McStay was born in Providence, a son of the late Hugh and Beatrice
5 McStay. He graduated from East Providence High School in 1963, and the New England Institute
6 of Anatomy in 1967. He was a Licensed Funeral Director and the owner and operator of Perry-
7 McStay Funeral Home in East Providence, where he was well-known and admired for his
8 integrity, professionalism, and his immense compassion for those who lost loves ones; and

9 WHEREAS, The Honorable James McStay was elected in 1984 to represent District 43
10 in the Rhode Island State Senate. For twelve years from 1984 to 1996, he served his constituents
11 and the State of Rhode Island with honor and tireless passion. Senator McStay was deeply
12 respected by his Senate peers and was chosen by his colleagues to serve as the First Deputy
13 Majority Leader. He was also a member of the Senate Judiciary and Health, Education and
14 Welfare Committees; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. McStay was a member of the Rhode Island Funeral Directors
16 Association, the National Funeral Directors Association, East Providence Council 1528, and the
17 Knights of Columbus. He was also a devoted fan of the New York Yankees and the Providence
18 College Friars, and was passionate about sailing and spent many hours on his beloved sailboat
19 “Just Add Water”; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, the Honorable James McStay leaves behind his
2 children, Michelle Doyle, Patrick McStay and his wife, Caitlyn, and Marissa Vulakovich and her
3 husband, Randy. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren, Tyler, Riley, Natalie, Emmy, Colin,
4 William, Drew and Nora, and his siblings, Mary Anne Plante, Rosalie Wotton, William McStay,
5 Peter McStay, and the late Richard McStay and Patricia Tramonti; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest
7 condolences to the McStay Family on the passing of the Honorable James McStay; and be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Cheryl McStay and Family.

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