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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PEDRO M. CANO

Introduced By: Senators Pichardo, Paiva Weed, Crowley, Metts, and Tassoni

Date Introduced: January 25, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Pedro  
2 M. Cano, a resident and well-respected citizen of the City of Providence; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Bolivar Antioquia, Colombia, Pedro was the son of the late Antonio  
4 and Adelina (Sanchez) Cano and the beloved husband of Carlina Cano. Known as "Papito" to his  
5 family, he was the loving father of Marina Alvarez, Alba Luz Hinestroza, Olga Isaza, Martha  
6 Cano, Amparo Villanueva, Margarita Cano, Anna Cano-Morales, Rodrigo Cano, Humberto Cano,  
7 Juan G. Cano, Luis Cano, and the late Pedro Cano Jr, Orlando Cano, Fernando Cana, and Maria  
8 Elena Cana. Pedro was the proud grandfather of thirty-two grandchildren, thirty-one great  
9 grandchildren, and a great-great grandson; and

10 WHEREAS, Recruited in the 1960s to work in a short-staffed mill, Pedro has been  
11 acknowledged as a pioneer in Rhode Island and as one of the first Latinos to move here for  
12 employment in what eventually became a booming textile industry; and

13 WHEREAS, A hard working and industrious chief mechanic for over 70 years in the  
14 Textile Industry before retiring, Pedro had humble roots and trained at a technical school in  
15 Colombia as a machinist before moving to the United States, where his expertise at fixing looms  
16 sometimes had him working up to 12 hours daily at Lyons Fabric Company; and

17 WHEREAS, With his efforts recruiting other workers from Colombia to the Blackstone  
18 Valley area, Pedro was instrumental in transforming Central Falls into an enclave for Latinos, a  
19 place where Latino culture and family have flourished; and

20 WHEREAS, His accomplishments have caused the City of Providence to recognize

1 Pedro M. Cano Day on August 19<sup>th</sup>, and his life and achievements were explored in the film  
2 “Telares,” a documentary that was made of his life in the textile industry; and

3 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of Pedro,  
4 so must we celebrate the charm, youthful spirit, kindness and elegance with which he lived every  
5 day of his life; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
7 hereby expresses our deepest condolences on the passing of Pedro M. Cano; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Carlina Cano.

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