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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE AND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE
HONORABLE MICHAEL SEPE

Introduced By: Senator Beatrice A. Lanzi

Date Introduced: May 29, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness and regret that this Senate has learned of the passing
2 of Michael Sepe, an individual of talent, intelligence, and integrity who devoted much of his life
3 in service to the people of the State of Rhode Island; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the City of Cranston, he was the son of the late
5 Giovanni and Rosina (Papa) Sepe. Mr. Sepe was educated in the Cranston schools and was a
6 1934 graduate of Cranston High School. He continued his education at the Providence Institute of
7 Finance and Engineering, Bryant College, Johnson and Wales Business School, and Providence
8 College; and

9 WHEREAS, Michael was the devoted husband of the late Mary (Comella) Sepe and of
10 the late Nora (Strollo) Alfonso-Sepe. He was the beloved father of Roselyn Sepe DeQuattro and
11 her husband, Daniel F. DeQuattro, and of Cranston Democratic City Chair and former City
12 Council President Michael J. Sepe and his wife, Valerie. He was also the proud grandfather of
13 Michael J., Jr., Steven Sepe, Kristen and Daniel F. DeQuattro, Jr., and Dannah Mallozzi. He was
14 also blessed with four great grandchildren, Olivia Sepe, Dylan Beausoleil-Sepe, and Zachary and
15 Joshua Mallozzi. He is survived by his dear and faithful friend, Christy Morena, and his extended
16 family at Victoria Court Assisted Living; and

17 WHEREAS, Michael had a natural feel for politics and an instinctive command of
18 governance. A consummate politician, he was a Rhode Island State Representative from the 22nd
19 Representative District for 22 years, Chairman of the Democratic City Committee, and a member

1 of the Cranston 5th Ward Democratic Club. In 1965, he became Chairman of the House Finance
2 Committee and was also elected second Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives. In
3 1964, he served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He was also a member of
4 the House Steering Committee and Chairman of the Right of Way Commission. A genuinely
5 decent man, Michael was dedicated to his constituency and committed to the betterment of his
6 community and state; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Sepe had also been active as a past President of the Orders of the Sons
8 of Italy and was a lifetime member of the Tri-State Elks. He was President and member of the
9 Franklin D. Roosevelt Club of Cranston, the City Hall Athletic Club, the Assumption Society,
10 The Madonna Della Valle Society, a lifetime member of St. Mary's Feast Society, and Honorary
11 lifetime member of the Cranston Historical Society; and

12 WHEREAS, Michael was a practicing accountant for over 60 years and lifetime member
13 of the Rhode Island Association of Public Accountants. He worked for many years at Lincoln
14 Downs and Narragansett Raceway, and was former President of the Mutual Clerks Union at
15 Lincoln Downs; and

16 WHEREAS, With the passing of Michael Sepe, Rhode Island has lost one of her finest
17 citizens and a true gentleman. He left an indelible mark on the lives of those he touched, and
18 although his death has left a tremendous void in his community, Mr. Sepe will live forever in the
19 minds and hearts of his family, friends, and the many citizens who knew and loved him; now,
20 therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
22 hereby offers our sincere condolences on the passing of The Honorable Michael Sepe. We
23 furthermore extend our true appreciation for his enduring legacy of service and loyalty; and be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
26 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Roselyn Sepe DeQuattro and Michael J. Sepe.

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