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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF E. RICHARD DURFEE

Introduced By: Senators Sheehan, and Hodgson

Date Introduced: June 18, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of E.
2 Richard Durfee, the devoted husband for 46 years of Angela T. Durfee, the loving father of Erin
3 E. Durfee, Kristen A. Kramer and her husband, Joe, and Kevin R. Durfee and his wife, Antonina,
4 and the proud grandfather of Carlin Durfee, Joseph and Caroline Kramer, and Aivan and
5 Angelina Durfee; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Durfee was born in Providence to the late Norman and Edna Durfee.
7 Upon graduation from South Kingstown High School in 1959, he enlisted in the United States
8 Army and was based in West Berlin, where he witnessed the building of the Berlin Wall in 1961;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Finishing his tour of duty, Mr. Durfee returned stateside and continued his
11 education, earning a degree in Accounting from the University of Rhode Island. He entered the
12 workforce as an accountant for Raytheon Co. in Portsmouth but left in order to run the family
13 business, George's of Galilee, after his father's retirement in 1969; and

14 WHEREAS, Combining business acumen, hard work, a panoramic location, and the best
15 in classic New England seafood, Mr. Durfee made George's a landmark culinary destination that
16 is renowned across the country; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Durfee believed in giving back to his community. As a charter member
18 of the Narragansett Lions Club, Mr. Durfee was posthumously honored with the Melvin Jones
19 Fellowship Award. The award is bestowed upon an individual who has demonstrated exemplary
20 service to the community and is the highest form of recognition given by the Lion's association;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to his family and George's restaurant, Mr. Durfee loved the
3 ocean, traveling, swimming, skiing, and windsurfing. He was founder of the Blessing of the Fleet,
4 a charter member of the URI Men's Basketball Fast Break Club, a Little League coach and a
5 sponsor for numerous local youth sports teams. He was also a member of St. Peter's by-the-Sea in
6 Narragansett, and an avid reader and word buff, who loved history and having a cup of coffee and
7 exchanging stories with the old-time fishermen in Galilee; and

8 WHEREAS, A steadfast gentleman, family man, and a consummate businessman,
9 Richard Durfee left this world a far better place because of his life's endeavors. His dry humor
10 and quick wit will be missed by many and he will be dearly remembered; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
12 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire Durfee Family on the passing of E. Richard
13 Durfee; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Angela Durfee and Family.

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