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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FRANCIS HENRY SMITH

Introduced By: Representatives McKiernan, DeSimone, and Johnston

Date Introduced: February 26, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Francis
2 H. Smith, the loving husband of Mary Ellen Smith for thirty years, the devoted father of Emily
3 Florence Smith, Patrick Henry Smith and his wife, Jillian, John Henry Smith, Matthew Henry
4 Smith, and Benjamin Henry Smith, and a highly respected member of the community; and

5 WHEREAS, Francis Smith was born in the City of Providence and raised in the Town of
6 Smithfield. He was the son of the late Robert and Thelma Smith, and the brother of Madonna
7 Smith, Roberta Bloomer and her husband, William, and the late Marjorie Garrahan. He is also
8 survived by several beloved nieces and nephews; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of La Salle Academy, Mr. Smith received his Bachelor of Arts
10 degree from Rhode Island College, and his Master's Degree in Public Administration from
11 Suffolk University; and

12 WHEREAS, Although devoted to his family, Mr. Smith was also a conscientious and
13 hardworking man, dedicated to his job. For eleven years, he had served as the Executive Director
14 of the Smith Hill Community Development Corporation and had dedicated much of his adult life
15 in leadership positions with numerous nonprofit organizations; and

16 WHEREAS, Also devoted to his faith, Mr. Smith was an active member of St. Pius V
17 Church, and had been a parishioner at St. Philip Church during his youth; and

18 WHEREAS, Francis Smith was a much loved gentleman and a consummate
19 humanitarian, who consistently put the needs of others above his own. He enriched the lives of all
20 who knew him and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Francis Henry
3 Smith; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith and Family.

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