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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSE M. CASTRO

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Blazejewski, Ackerman, Price, and Edwards

Date Introduced: February 01, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Jose M.  
2 Castro, devoted husband of sixty years to Marcia J. Castro, and the beloved father of Maria  
3 Castro-Iasimone and her husband, Thomas, Daniel Castro and his wife, Maria, Gloria Parenteau  
4 and her husband, Jason, Andrea Castro, and the late Marcelino Jose Castro. He was also the very  
5 proud grandfather of six beautiful grandchildren, Jessica Bullock, Casandra Cabral-Castro,  
6 Andrew Iasimone, Carra-Lynn Cabral-Castro, Marcelino Christian Cabral-Castro, and Collin  
7 Cabral-Castro; and

8           WHEREAS, Born in Brava, Cape Verde Islands (CVI), Mr. Castro immigrated to the  
9 United States in 1948. He was a son of the late Marcelino A. and Maria Castro, and was  
10 predeceased by his siblings Rosa, Julia, Ambrosio, Artur, and Joao; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Castro had served our country with honor and distinction in the  
12 Merchant Marines until he was drafted into the United States Army during the Korean War,  
13 where he worked as a cook to the gastric benefit of his fellow troops. Upon discharge, Mr. Castro  
14 continued his service in the Merchant Marines for another twelve years, followed by eight years  
15 in the Coast Guard Reserves. He was subsequently a member of the American Legion Coast  
16 Guard Reserves until his passing; and

17           WHEREAS, A hard-working man, Mr. Castro had worked as a Federal Police Officer for  
18 the General Services Administration. During his twenty-eight years as a Federal Police Officer,  
19 he would oftentimes escort and guard various high-ranking dignitaries throughout the state. He  
20 was also fluent in five languages and had worked as an interpreter and translator for the Federal

1 and Superior Courts, and taught Portuguese, English, and Civics to adults in the community; and

2 WHEREAS, Always an active and contributing member of the community, Mr. Castro  
3 had served on the board of the Providence Health Center (Progress for Providence), and on the  
4 Brown University Board of Admissions Interview Panel for local residents of the Fox Point  
5 neighborhood and other communities around Providence; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Castro was also a multi-faceted and quite gifted poet. His poetry had  
7 been published numerous times and he was a member of the Poet's Society in Washington, D.C.  
8 In addition, he was an agriculturalist, who grew a panoply of herbs. Students at the University of  
9 Rhode Island would often visit his gardens to examine and learn about the properties of his rare  
10 plants; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime and in spite of battles with his health, Jose Castro  
12 maintained an unending desire to take care of his family and was a steadfast gentleman who left  
13 this world a far better place because of his life's endeavors. He enriched the lives of all who knew  
14 him and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
16 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire Castro Family on  
17 the passing of Jose M. Castro; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Marcia J. Castro and Family.

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