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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FRANCIS MCNELIS,
M.D.

Introduced By: Senator Stephen R. Archambault

Date Introduced: March 11, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Francis
2 McNelis, M.D. Dr. McNelis of Providence was born in Pawtucket, the son of the late James
3 McNelis and the late Catherine McNelis. He was the devoted husband of the late Shirley McNelis
4 and the late June McNelis; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. McNelis was the Chief of Staff for Otolaryngology (Ear, Nose and
6 Throat), at Rhode Island Hospital, and also treated patients at Miriam, Our Lady of Fatima,
7 Pawtucket Memorial Hospital, and St. Joseph's Hospital. He was also a Clinical Professor of
8 Surgery/Otolaryngology at the Brown University School of Medicine; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. McNelis served our nation with honor and distinction during World War
10 II as a medical doctor with the United States Navy. Throughout his distinguished career as a
11 medical doctor he was widely respected and admired by his peers and colleagues, and worked
12 tirelessly to ensure that his patients always received the best medical care possible; and

13 WHEREAS, Francis McNelis leaves behind his children, Frances Houser and her
14 husband, Lance, J. Kevin McNelis and his wife, Karen, Joanne Sheehan, Stephen McNelis, and
15 Marian McNelis and her husband Tom Arnold, and David Bubier and his wife, Linda. He was the
16 father of the late Brian McNelis. He also leaves behind eleven grandchildren and eleven great-
17 grandchildren; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest
19 condolences on the passing of Francis McNelis, M.D.; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Frances Houser, J. Kevin McNelis, Joanne
3 Sheehan, Stephen McNelis and Marian McNelis.

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