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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPH FRATUS

Introduced By: Senators Ciccone, Lombardi, Jabour, Lombardo, and Algieri

Date Introduced: March 11, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Joseph
2 Fratus, the devoted husband of fifty-six years to Gloria Fratus, the loving father of Joseph J.
3 Fratus, Bruce Fratus and his wife, Catherine, Lynn DiOrio and her husband, Richard, and Donna
4 Mercurio and her husband, Vincent. He was also the proud grandfather of Carissa, Bruce Jr.,
5 Bryn, Michael, Vincent and Ryan, and the loving great grandfather of Nicolette; and

6 WHEREAS, The son of Anna Fratus-Gaisford, Joseph Fratus had served our country
7 with honor and distinction in the Korean War. A hard-working man and loyal man, he was
8 employed by the City of Providence for thirty-three years; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Fratus was also an active and contributing member of the community.
10 He was the State President of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, a member of the Order Sons of
11 Italy in America, the Piave Lodge, the Grand Lodge of RI OSIA, the Knights of Columbus, the
12 Young Pannese Club, the Toscan Social Club, and the Madonna Del Rosario Society; and

13 WHEREAS, Known for his hats and his humor, Joe Fratus was a steadfast gentleman
14 who left this world a far better place because of his life's endeavors. He enriched the lives of all
15 who knew him and he will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
17 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to Gloria Fratus and the entire Fratus Family on the
18 passing of Joseph Fratus; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Gloria Fratus and Family.

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