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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GEORGE NASUTI,
WOONSOCKET HIGH SCHOOL'S BELOVED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Introduced By: Senators Picard, Cote, Algieri, Metts, and Satchell

Date Introduced: March 12, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with heavy hearts that this Senate has learned of the tragic passing of
2 George Nasuti, who passed away from head injuries suffered when he fell while refereeing a
3 youth basketball game in Burrillville. He was fifty-two years old and leaves behind his wife
4 Carol, and sons, Christopher and Sean; and

5 WHEREAS, For decades, George Nasuti has been a beloved fixture within the athletic
6 and educational scene in Woonsocket. George served his community with tireless devotion for
7 many years as a Woonsocket teacher, high school principal, elementary school principal, junior
8 high baseball coach and Woonsocket head football coach. He was honored in 2010 by being
9 chosen the Rhode Island Athletic Director of the Year by the state's Athletic Directors
10 Association; and

11 WHEREAS, George was a natural leader who would do anything to help young people
12 and give them opportunities to excel in life. When Woonsocket was having budget problems in
13 1991, and it looked like all high school sports, as well as other extracurricular activities, were
14 going to be on the chopping block, it was George who people turned to in order to save these vital
15 programs for the young people of Woonsocket; and

16 WHEREAS, George formed a coalition with other coaches in the community and did a
17 magnificent job of fundraising and was able to save not only the sports programs but also other
18 vital enrichment programs such as art and music; and

19 WHEREAS, Many people have paid tribute to the memory of George Nasuti since his

1 passing including former Woonsocket High School athletes, numerous teachers and many of his
2 Athletic Director peers from various high schools throughout the state, but a couple of tributes
3 stand out as testaments to how beloved George was and what a kind and decent person he was at
4 all times. When news of George's injury first became public, a Facebook page was set up in his
5 honor and approximately 1,300 people joined a "Prayers for George Nasuti" page; and

6 WHEREAS, When the tragic news that Mr. Nasuti had passed was received, Woonsocket
7 Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt, who attended Pothier Elementary School with George Nasuti, said
8 about him, "He was everything bundled up in one person that you'd hope your own child would
9 become," and she added that "George was that person who made sure everyone was treated fairly.
10 He was a young gentleman then, and he was a young gentleman when he grew up."; now,
11 therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
13 hereby expresses its deepest condolences to the Nasuti Family on the passing of George Nasuti;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to his wife, Carol Nasuti and sons, Christopher
17 and Sean.

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