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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

COMMEMORATING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 2013 BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING AND EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY FOR THOSE WHO PERISHED AND SUFFERED INJURIES DURING THIS ATTACK AND HONORING THE BRAVERY OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO RISKED THEIR SAFETY IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF THE BOMBINGS IN ORDER TO COME TO THE AID OF OTHERS

Introduced By: Senators Lynch, Paiva Weed, Ruggiero, Goodwin, and Algieri

Date Introduced: April 15, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with heavy hearts that this Senate hereby commemorates the one-year
2 anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing and extends its deepest sympathies to the families
3 of those whose lives were tragically altered by the events of April 15, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, On April 15, 2013, at approximately 2:50 p.m., two bombs exploded on
5 Boylston Street near the finish line of the Boston Marathon, killing and injuring innocent people.
6 What should have been a day of celebration and triumph turned instead to mayhem and
7 unspeakable suffering. In an instant, precious lives were lost and life-altering injuries sustained;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, This cowardly act of terrorism reminded all of us that there are those in our
10 world who do not believe in the ideals of freedom and liberty. In the midst and aftermath of this
11 horrific attack, we witnessed just how resilient and enduring our democratic society is when it is
12 attacked. We saw first responders and volunteers risking their lives to race towards those who
13 were injured and in need of immediate help. We witnessed the enormous strength and courage of
14 those wounded in this attack as they, with the help of numerous dedicated and talented medical
15 professionals, worked tirelessly to physically recover as much as possible from their wounds and
16 to rebuild their lives. Finally, we watched an entire community, from ordinary citizens to famous
17 baseball players, rally around the victims of this attack and offer all of their support and

1 encouragement; and

2 WHEREAS, While the immediate threat stemming from the bombings has ended, the
3 grieving period for many of the families who lost their loved ones will continue, and the healing
4 process for some who were injured during the tragic events remains an on-going reality; now,
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, This this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby commemorates the one-year anniversary of the Boston Marathon bombing. We thank the
8 first responders and volunteers for their bravery in coming to the aid of the injured, and we
9 express our deepest sympathies to the families of those who lost their lives in this attack, and to
10 those who suffered injuries on the fateful day of April 15, 2013; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to The Honorable Deval Patrick, Governor of
13 Massachusetts, and to The Honorable Martin J. Walsh, Mayor of Boston.

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