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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM H. MCGRATH

Introduced By: Representatives Fogarty, Winfield, Nardolillo, Lancia, and Hull

Date Introduced: March 04, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this House has learned of the passing of
2 William H. McGrath, on February 24, 2015, at Rhode Island Hospital in the company of his
3 family; and

4 WHEREAS, William McGrath was born in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of the late
5 William and Ann McGrath, and was a resident of Cranston, Rhode Island, since 1959. He was the
6 loving husband for fifty-five years of Carol McGrath; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. McGrath graduated from Blessed Sacrament School, LaSalle Academy,
8 and from the New England Institute of Anatomy and Applied Sciences and Embalming. He
9 officially began his funeral service career in 1954, working for his late grandfather, James F.
10 Skeffington, but got his real start much earlier in life when, as a youngster, he helped his
11 grandfather by running errands and washing cars for the funeral home; and

12 WHEREAS, In January of 1964, Mr. McGrath became an associate with the Russell J.
13 Boyle and Son Funeral Home, a relationship that lasted for fifty-one years. In that capacity he
14 tenderly comforted countless families during their moments of pain and grief. He was always
15 very grateful to Tom and Tender Boyle, and the late Russell and Rita Boyle, for their support and
16 generosity throughout the years; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. McGrath held numerous positions within the funeral service industry
18 during his exemplary career. He was an active participant in the Rhode Island Funeral Directors
19 Association, and was a member of the Heritage Club of the National Funeral Directors
20 Association and served as the Inspector of Funeral Homes and Crematories for the State of Rhode

1 Island; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. McGrath was an active parishioner of Blessed Sacrament Church, and
3 served, until his passing, as a Trustee of the church, a Eucharistic Minister, and as a member of
4 the Blessed Sacrament School Board. He also was a member of the Sons of Irish Kings, a life
5 member of the Cranston Council Knights of Columbus, and proudly served as a member of the
6 Board of Trustees at Guest House; and

7 WHEREAS, Besides his wife, William McGrath leaves behind two daughters, Michaela
8 Hood and her husband, David, and Karen Sheil and her husband, John "Jack" McKenna Sheil. He
9 also leaves behind his sister, Ann "Nancy" Cotter, and several nieces and nephews; now,
10 therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
12 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its condolences to the McGrath Family on the passing of
13 William H. McGrath; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Carol A. McGrath.

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