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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHIES ON THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
STATION NIGHT CLUB FIRE

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Paiva Weed, Raptakis, Felag, and Miller

Date Introduced: February 13, 2013

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The Station Night Club fire, one of the most devastating events in the  
2 history of this state, began at approximately 11 o'clock on the evening of February 20<sup>th</sup> of 2003.  
3 Ten years later, the impact of those tragic events is still palpable; and

4 WHEREAS, One hundred people lost their lives on that evening. Two hundred thirty  
5 people were physically injured and one hundred thirty-two others, although they escaped physical  
6 injury, still bear the mental scars caused by what became a national tragedy; and

7 WHEREAS, For the families of the deceased and injured and those who escaped, for the  
8 crowds that flocked to the site that night and in the following days, and for the people of the  
9 Town of West Warwick, life would never be the same. This tragedy reached across town borders  
10 and state boundaries, and struck at the heart of our nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Through these events, one must hope that valuable lessons have been  
12 learned. As a state, we have worked diligently to upgrade safety protocols in all public places  
13 and to make property owners accountable for non-compliance. More importantly, the greatest  
14 lesson that this tragedy should teach us is to value our own lives and those of our loved ones  
15 because surely, we were irrevocably shown just how fragile life can be; and

16 WHEREAS, For the families of the victims and survivors and for the survivors  
17 themselves, we can only hope that in the past ten years they have been able to find some measure  
18 of peace; and

19 WHEREAS, We also hope that the creation of a permanent memorial will serve as a

1 place to reflect upon this tragedy and will bring some peace to grieving family and friends, as  
2 well as to the one hundred souls who lost their lives on that cold February night in West  
3 Warwick; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
5 hereby wishes to acknowledge the ten year anniversary of the Station Night Club Fire. We hope  
6 and pray that remembrance of this day will provide some comfort and peace to all who were  
7 affected by this tragedy today, next week on the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, and in the years to come.

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