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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF FRANCIS KNIGHT SEARLE

Introduced By: Senator Nicholas D. Kettle

Date Introduced: June 16, 2015

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Francis
2 Knight Searle on May 5, 2015. He was predeceased by his wife of more than sixty years, Vivian
3 Gadoury Searle; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Searle was born in Hope, Rhode Island, one of four children born to the
5 late Edward E. Searle, Sr., and Gladys M. Searle. He graduated from Cranston High School,
6 studied at Brown and Northeastern Universities, and attained degrees from both Rhode Island
7 College and Boston University. Mr. Searle was a World War II veteran who served our nation
8 with honor and integrity in the United States Navy in the North African, European, and Pacific
9 theaters of operations; and

10 WHEREAS, After returning home from serving his country, Mr. Searle became a teacher
11 and taught high school math in the public schools in Scituate and Coventry, and also served in a
12 variety of administrative capacities in Coventry; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Searle lived on a farm and immensely enjoyed tending to his land and
14 caring for the animals and livestock that lived on his property. He also loved organic gardening
15 and took great joy in sharing the food he grew with his neighbors and friends; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Searle was a member of Fiskeville Tabernacle Baptist Church and
17 served his Church in a leadership position for many years. He also had a deep appreciation and
18 love for music and was a part of many church choirs and quartets. As a lifelong member of the
19 Hope, Rhode Island, community, Mr. Searle enjoyed volunteering service with the Hope
20 Historical Society and worked tirelessly to preserve his community; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Searle is survived by his twin sisters, Mary Wood and Betty Thurn, and
2 was predeceased by his brother, Edward E. Searle, Jr. He leaves behind five children, Charlene
3 Jarest and her husband, Jake, George Searle and his wife, Nancy, Arthur Searle and his wife,
4 Maureen, Kenneth Searle, and Janet Bellows and her husband, Robert. He was also the beloved
5 grandfather of Jessalyn, Katherine, Rebecca, Wendy, Katie, Zachary, Abigail, Daniel, Emily,
6 Jessica, and Allison, and was the great-grandfather of Nathan and Hazel; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby expresses its condolences to the Searle Family on the passing of Francis Knight Searle;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Charlene Jarest, George Searle, Arthur Searle,
12 Kenneth Searle, and Janet Bellows.

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