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**STATEMENT BY RHODE ISLAND DEMOCRATIC PARTY CHAIR McNAMARA
ON THE PASSING OF LONGTIME DEMOCRATIC ACTIVIST JAMES P. DECASTRO**

WARWICK, R.I. – “The Rhode Island Democratic Party joins with Democrats in East Bay and statewide in expressing their sorrow on the passing of James DeCastro,” said Chair Joseph M. McNamara. “He served our Party with honor and distinction, as former President of the Rhode Island Association of City and Town Chairs, as a member of the State Committee’s Executive Board, and as a longtime, devoted member of his hometown Democratic Committee. And his commitment to public service went well beyond politics to include his work in our state’s judicial system,” McNamara said.

“We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife and family, and will keep them our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time,” he said.

****COVERAGE INVITED****

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