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**STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF FRANK J. MONTANARO, Sr.
RHODE ISLAND'S DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEEMAN**

WARWICK, R.I. – “It is with profound sadness that I learned today of the passing of Frank J. Montanaro, Sr., renowned labor and political leader and Rhode Island’s proud Democratic National Committeeman,” said state Democratic Party Chair Joseph M. McNamara on Tuesday.

“Frank was a man of incredible spirit and humor, and his passion for service was matched by his dedication as a former firefighter, a local and national union leader, a devoted Democrat, and a first-ever member of Rhode Island’s Electoral College. What he gave to our unions and our union workers, to this party, and to public service will be long remembered and greatly missed.

“We extend our prayers and deepest sympathy to his widow, Madeline, son Frank Jr., his three daughters, and their families, during this most difficult time.”

****COVERAGE INVITED****

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