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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE MARGUERITE  
J. BUMPUS, PH.D**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Kennedy, Price, McNamara, and Jacquard

Date Introduced: February 26, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of the  
2 Honorable Marguerite J. “Marge” Bumpus, Ph.D, of Carolina, Rhode Island, on February 18,  
3 2019. She was predeceased by her beloved husband Curtis F. Bumpus; and

4           WHEREAS, Marguerite Bumpus was born in Orange, Massachusetts on December 30,  
5 1928, the daughter of the late Axel and Ann Johnson. She had an exemplary professional career  
6 as an educator, first as an elementary school teacher and later as a professor at the University of  
7 Rhode Island and as the Acting Vice President of URI. During her tenure at URI, she served on  
8 the Faculty Senate and was the former Chair of the Board on Student Conduct. She also served as  
9 the Chair of the Department of Education. After she retired from teaching, she served as the  
10 Interim Vice President of Student Development; and

11           WHEREAS, In 1994, Marguerite Bumpus was elected to the Rhode Island House of  
12 Representatives from District 52 as a Democrat and represented the citizens of Richmond, Exeter  
13 and West Greenwich with honor, integrity and tireless devotion from 1995 to 1997; and

14           WHEREAS, Marguerite Bumpus earned numerous prestigious awards in honor of her  
15 long and distinguished record as an educator and public servant, including the URI Foundation’s  
16 “Teaching Excellence Award”. She also was awarded an endowed Literacy Scholarship; and

17           WHEREAS, In addition to being an award-winning educator and an elected public  
18 servant, Marguerite Bumpus was also a published author, real estate agent, literacy volunteer, an  
19 accomplished international speaker, a licensed pilot, holder of a CDL truck drivers’ and a

1 chauffeurs' license, and was a devoted mother to five children. Her love for her family and  
2 friends, her public service to the State of Rhode Island and to literacy volunteerism, and her  
3 ability to excel at so many different things will be long remembered by all who knew her and  
4 loved and admired her; and

5 WHEREAS, The Honorable Marguerite J. Bumpus leaves behind her children, Brenda  
6 LaFazia and her husband, Tom, Barry Bumpus and his fiancée, Tomoe, Brent and his wife, Jinky,  
7 and Bruce and his wife, Ginger. She also leaves behind twelve grandchildren and seventeen great-  
8 grandchildren. She also leaves a sister, Nancy Chiasson. She was predeceased by a son, Brian,  
9 and a grandson, Benjamin; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
11 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its sincerest condolences on the passing of the  
12 Honorable Marguerite J. Bumpus, Ph.D; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Brenda LaFazia, Barry Bumpus, Brent Bumpus,  
15 and Bruce Bumpus.

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