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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF ELIZABETH A. SIMONINI

Introduced By: Representatives Ehrhardt, Savage, Fox, Mattiello, and Watson

Date Introduced: May 05, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of
2 Elizabeth A. Simonini, beloved wife of our former colleague The Honorable Arthur L. Simonini,
3 devoted mother of Cara Mangiantine and her husband, David, and cherished grandmother of a
4 beautiful baby grandson, Declan James Mangiantine; and

5 WHEREAS, Elizabeth is also survived by her sister, Mary Mernick, and several nieces
6 and nephews. She was also the sister of the late Francis Quarnstrom; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Elizabeth was the daughter of the late Frank and
8 Margaret Quarnstrom. She attended St. Xavier Academy and attained her Bachelor's degree
9 from Salve Regina University. Elizabeth had been an educator with the Warwick School system
10 for thirty-two years until her retirement in 1988; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon her retirement, Elizabeth was a member of the Retired Warwick
12 Teachers Association and Retired Rhode Island Teachers Association. She also enjoyed sewing,
13 working in her garden, and reading; and

14 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Simonini's lively personality created and nurtured a marriage that
15 flourished, and a home that was welcoming and always filled with interesting friends. She was
16 the kind of wife that every man hopes his bride will forever be and the kind of mom who instilled
17 a beautiful free spirit and independence in her daughter; and

18 WHEREAS, The most fitting tribute to Elizabeth Simonini would be a celebration of her
19 life and the woman she once was - a woman who lived each and every day fully and joyfully, and
20 a woman who was fortunate to have always had the total love and support of her family; and

1 WHEREAS, In a perfect world there would never be a need to comfort because there
2 would be no suffering, but to quote an Irish Prayer, “God saw you getting tired and a cure was not
3 to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered ‘come to me.’ With tearful eyes we
4 watched you, and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you
5 stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove
6 to us, He only takes the best”; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Elizabeth A.
9 Simonini. She will be joyfully remembered and dearly missed; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to The Honorable Arthur Simonini, and Cara and
12 David Mangiantine and Family.

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