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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE
LORRAINE LOUISE KANE

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Shekarchi, Kennedy, Filippi, and Shanley

Date Introduced: June 04, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of the
2 Honorable Lorraine Louise Kane, beloved wife of Stephen Patrick Kane for fifty-four years, and
3 the devoted mother of Colin Patrick, the former Chair of the I-195 Commission, and his wife,
4 Karen, Brendan Conor and his wife, Brooke, and Michaela Brockmann and her husband, Peter,
5 and her "adopted children" Jared and Erin Earley. She was also the cherished grandmother of
6 eight grandchildren: John Patrick, Hopie, Hannah, Dylan Conor, Charlotte, Lily, Claire, and Joey;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Mrs. Kane, affectionately known as "Rain" by her
9 family and many friends, was the daughter of the late Peter and Agnes Mellon, and the sister of
10 the late Marilyn Haxton and Francis "Pete" Mellon. She was a graduate of Classical High School
11 and had attended Annhurst College in Connecticut; and

12 WHEREAS, After modeling for a number of years, Mrs. Kane became a stewardess for
13 American Airlines based in New York City. She resigned from the airlines in 1965, when she fell
14 in love with and married Stephen Patrick Kane; and

15 WHEREAS, Elected on November 2, 1976, the Honorable Lorraine Kane had served in
16 the Rhode Island House of Representatives for five terms, having never lost an election. She
17 represented a portion of the City of Warwick, and had served her first two terms as a Republican,
18 and her last three as a Democrat; and

19 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mrs. Kane had also worked as a banquet sales manager at

1 Quidnessett Country Club for over thirty-five years, as a Pre-Cana instructor and a marriage
2 officiant, and one of her proudest accomplishments was her service as an Extraordinary Minister
3 of the Eucharist to the Sick for sixteen years; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kane was also very involved and donated many hours to numerous
5 civic organizations. She had served as the Chair of the RI Cancer Society-special gifts committee,
6 as an Executive Board member of the Girl Scouts of America, and as the Warwick Chairperson of
7 the RI Heart Association, to name but a few. For her many years of service, Mrs. Kane was
8 recognized with myriad awards and was particularly honored to receive the Rhode Island
9 Hospitality Association's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2015; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kane was blessed with a large and loving family, many good friends,
11 and at the end of her life, with the kind and compassionate care provided by the teams at Kent
12 Hospital, Rhode Island Hospital, and St. Elizabeth's Home, and especially by Dr. Veena Iyer and
13 Megan Comella; and

14 WHEREAS, Lorraine Kane touched the lives of so many people through her good deeds
15 and her life's endeavors and she will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby extends its deepest condolences on the passing of the Honorable
18 Lorraine Louise Kane; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Stephen Patrick Kane and Family.

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