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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SUSAN ALDER KAPLAN

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Biah, Filippi, Kennedy,
Fellela, Bennett, O'Brien, and Ackerman

Date Introduced: January 11, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Susan Adler
2 Kaplan, the wife of the late Robert Kaplan, loving mother of the late Patricia Kaplan Bowen,
3 cherished grandmother of Samantha Ashlee Bowen, sister of Nancy Adler Morrill and the late
4 Joan Adler Mark, and an aunt to many nieces and nephews; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Adler Kaplan was the daughter of Lt. Colonel Walter Adler and Celia
6 Ernstof Adler. She attended Connecticut College and received a Bachelor of Arts degree and
7 Master's degree from Brown University. For twenty-eight years, she taught English at Classical
8 High School, and had served as administrator of English and Libraries for the Providence Public
9 School System; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition, Mrs. Kaplan held numerous roles with the Rhode Island Writing
11 Assessment, Rhode Island Writing Project, and the Blackstone Academy, as well as serving as a
12 mentor to many throughout the years. She had also been an adjunct professor at Providence
13 College and Roger Williams University, and did consulting work in New York, California and
14 Egypt with the Ministry of Education; and

15 WHEREAS, Dedicated to her alma matter, Mrs. Kaplan had served as a Trustee, a
16 Trustee Emerita and Chair of the Corporation Emeriti Executive Committee. She also chaired 100
17 Years of Women at Brown, served as the Associate Chair of the Advisory Council on Brown
18 Relations with Tougaloo College, and chaired the Ogden Lectures on International Affairs; and

19 WHEREAS, Well-respected both locally and nationally in the field of education, Mrs.
20 Kaplan was the first faculty member to be honored by the Classical Alumni Association and was

1 named Providence Teacher of the Year, and Teacher of the Year by Good Morning America. She
2 was also honored by Brown University with an Outstanding Teacher Educator Award, a Brown
3 Bear, and an Ittleson Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Dedicated to her community, the theater, and the arts, Mrs. Adler Kaplan
5 was a proud supporter of the Trinity Square Repertory Company, in honor of her late husband,
6 who was a founding member. She also served on the boards of Temple Beth-El and The Miriam
7 Hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, Known for "her tenacity, strength and compassion" Susan Adler Kaplan will
9 long be remembered and dearly missed by her family, devoted friends, and the many students she
10 guided and enlightened over the course of her amazing life; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 extends deepest sympathy on the passing of Susan Adler Kaplan; 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 Samantha Ashlee Bowen and Nancy Adler
15 Morrill.

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