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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF TIA SCIGULINSKY

Introduced By: Representatives Cortvriend, McGaw, Donovan, Filippi, Shekarchi,
Blazejewski, Carson, Amore, and Ajello

Date Introduced: May 31, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Tia
2 Scigulinsky, beloved wife of Kenneth Scigulinsky, mother of Kenneth Scigulinsky and his wife,
3 Christina, Elise Plumb and her husband, Jeffrey, and the doting grandmother of her cherished
4 grandchildren, Jackson and Owen Scigulinsky and Matthew, Joshua, and William Plumb; and

5 WHEREAS, Tia Scigulinsky was born Grietje Jantina Kenau Nieuwenhuis in
6 Amsterdam, the Netherlands, during the Nazi occupation. As a young girl, she immigrated to
7 Seattle with her family and upon becoming a US citizen, changed her name to Tia; and

8 WHEREAS, After graduating from Garfield High, Ms. Scigulinsky attended the
9 University of Washington where she earned a Bachelor's degree in History and Education, and
10 met the love of her life and future husband, Ken. Many years later, she returned to academics,
11 earning her Master's degree in Education from Salve Regina University; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Scigulinsky taught school in numerous States as she traveled the
13 country with her husband who was a naval officer. The couple finally made their permanent
14 home in Portsmouth and she began what would become a twenty-eight year career as a much-
15 admired and respected teacher of European History at Rogers High School in Newport,
16 eventually retiring as Chair of the Social Studies Department; and

17 WHEREAS, While teaching at Rogers, Mrs. Scigulinsky annually organized student trips
18 to Europe, instilling her students with a love of traveling. Once retired, she continued her
19 European travel by organizing and leading groups of her friends on trips, ultimately visiting over
20 50 countries and acquiring myriad wonderful memories; and

1 WHEREAS, Throughout her years teaching and continuing into retirement, Mrs.
2 Scigulinsky was very active with the Teachers Association of Newport (TAN), where she served
3 as President, and as the person to call when one had questions about contractual, work or benefit
4 issues. She also served on the Board of Directors of the RI National Education Association
5 (NEA) and on the national level, was the NEA Chair of Women and Children Issues and attended
6 the United Nations National Commission of Women representing the State organization. Never
7 one to remain idle, after retiring, she remained very active in numerous organizations and had
8 been honored many times for her altruistic endeavors; and

9 WHEREAS, Tia Scigulinsky was also a consummate hostess, whether cooking in the
10 simple Dutch style or scouring cookbooks for new and interesting recipes, and whether preparing
11 a dinner party for friends or just supper for her husband and family, she always elevated her
12 meals with beautiful settings as well as scrumptious food. In addition, she loved to garden and
13 would present beautiful bouquets to her friends, and loved Classical music and reading; and

14 WHEREAS, Tia Scigulinsky led a full and wonderful life, blessed with a family who
15 loved her deeply, employment that was fulfilling and rewarding, and friends she adored, and she
16 is dearly missed by them all; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
18 extends deepest condolences on the passing of Tia Scigulinsky; 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 Kenneth Scigulinsky and Family.

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