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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DOROTHY M.
RUGGERIO**

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Goodwin, Algieri, Gallo, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: January 15, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with sincere sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Dorothy M. Ruggiero, the loving wife of the late Mario "Charlie" Ruggiero, mother of our friend
3 and esteemed colleague, Senate President Dominick J. Ruggiero, Lisa Aceto and her husband,
4 James, and the late Charles "Chucky" Ruggiero, and the cherished grandmother of Charles
5 Ruggiero, Christine DeSimone, Amanda Fallon, Justine Melo and Anthony Aceto, and five great-
6 grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, Dorothy Prush was born in Jamaica (Queens), New York, a daughter of the
8 late Joseph and Mary Prush, and the sister of Joan Negriz, and the late William, Joseph, Edward,
9 Raymond, Stephen and John Prush, Eleanor O'Reilly, and Agnes Kerr; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruggiero lived her life with energy, style and grace. She spent much of
11 her younger life traveling as a dancer in order to help support her family. She was a member of
12 the Rockettes, and she performed with such notable entertainers as Jackie Gleason, Sammy
13 Davis, Jr., and Dean Martin. She grew into a dynamic lady who possessed a formidable and
14 independent spirit; and

15 WHEREAS, Throughout her lifetime, Mrs. Ruggiero enjoyed an active social life,
16 including bowling, tennis, card playing, and golfing with her many friends at Kirkbrae and
17 Louisquisset Country Clubs; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruggiero was a gifted and talented seamstress and an excellent cook
19 who often shared her culinary virtuosity with her family and friends, and occasionally with the

1 kitchen staff at her family's restaurant, The Chalet; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruggerio spent her later years at Elmhurst Rehabilitation and Nursing
3 Center where she was beloved by both her fellow residents and the Center's caring staff; and

4 WHEREAS, Dorothy Ruggerio will be forever remembered as a loving and devoted
5 mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who will evermore reside in the hearts and sweet
6 memories of all who knew and loved her; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby extends heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Dorothy M. Ruggerio;
9 and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Dominick J. Ruggerio, Senate
12 President, and Lisa Aceto.

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