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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF SHARLENE L. DAMIANI

Introduced By: Senator Valarie J. Lawson

Date Introduced: January 18, 2022

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Sharlene L. Damiani, beloved wife of our former colleague, the late Rhode Island State Senator
3 Michael Damiani Sr., the cherished mother of Michael Damiani Jr., and his wife, Isabel, Jennifer
4 Damiani and her fiancé, Justin Kmiecik, and Christine Damiani, and the devoted and loving
5 grandmother of Evelyn, Jocelyn, Lucas, and Joseph; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in the City of Providence, Mrs. Damiani was a daughter of the late
7 Thomas Wagoner Sr., and Dorothy Wagoner, and the sister of Thomas Wagoner and the late
8 William Wagoner. She is also survived by a niece, Jessica Meneses and many other nieces and
9 nephews, as well as her ever-faithful and devoted dogs, Ollie and Reggie. She had made her
10 home in Riverside for forty-five years; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Damiani was always ready to lend a hand and was politically active in
12 both the City of East Providence and on a state level. Her myriad associations included serving
13 as a Rhode Island State Committeewoman for Representative District 65, Chairwoman of the
14 Rhode Island Senate 18 Endorsement Committee, Chairwoman for the Crescent Park Carousel
15 Commission, former Chairwoman of the Ward 4 East Providence Democratic City Committee,
16 former member of the East Providence Housing Authority, former member of the East
17 Providence Juvenile Hearing Board, Past President of the Waddington and Riverside Middle
18 School PTAs, and former member of the East Providence Charter Review Commission and the
19 Rose Larisa Park Design Committee; and

20 WHEREAS, With an exuberant and outgoing personality, Mrs. Damiani created a home

1 that was warm and welcoming to people from all walks of life whether they were distinguished
2 diplomats, the underserved, or her beloved family and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, A pragmatist but always an optimist, Sharlene Damiani dedicated her
4 amazing life to her family, children, grandchildren, friends, and community and she will be dearly
5 missed and forever remembered; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby extends deepest
7 sympathy to the Damiani Family on the passing of Sharlene L. Damiani; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Michael Damiani Jr., and Family, Jennifer
10 Damiani, and Christine Damiani.

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