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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GAIL E. BOOTLAND
TANCRELL

Introduced By: Senator Melissa A. Murray

Date Introduced: January 12, 2024

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Gail
2 Elizabeth Tancrell, the beloved mother of Gregory Tancrell and his wife, Deborah, and Timothy
3 Tancrell and his partner, Paul Scalabroni. She was also blessed with two grandsons, Gabriel and
4 Ian Tancrell; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in the City of Woonsocket, Ms. Tancrell was the daughter of the late
6 George and Stella Bootland, and the sister of Glenn Bootland, Nancy Calascibetta, and the late
7 Scott Bootland. She was also an aunt to many nieces and nephews; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to her family, Ms. Tancrell leaves behind “the world's largest
9 collection of crafts and knick-knacks that unfortunately could not be certified by Guinness before
10 her cremation.” In her honor, many arts and craft fairs around New England will hold a moment
11 of silence and flags will be lowered at the beginning of the 2024 fall events; and

12 WHEREAS, An inimitable individual, Ms. Tancrell maintained a love and dedication to
13 doing things a particular and often old-fashioned way, which over the years became somewhat
14 legendary. While she had incorporated a television into her daily life, it had not been updated to
15 the latest technology for decades: and

16 WHEREAS, While Ms. Tancrell did have the need to utilize personal transportation, her
17 decision to not travel in inclement weather of any sort resulted in her automobile only averaging a
18 mere 3000 miles a year, although its maintenance was performed with unremitting regularity; and

19 WHEREAS, Gail Trancell was a quirky, memorable and beloved lady who will be dearly

1 missed and fondly remembered by all who were a part of her wonderful life; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby extends deepest
3 condolences on the passing of Gail E. Bootland Tancrell; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Gregory Tancrell and Family, and Timothy
6 Tancrell and Family.

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