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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 KATELYN MCCANNA
VIEIRA

Introduced By: Senator Walter S. Felag

Date Introduced: February 15, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the tragic passing of
2 Katelyn McCanna Vieira, the beloved wife of Milton Vieira, and our friend and colleague who
3 had served as Clerk of Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs from 2016 through 2023;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Katelyn was born in the City of Fall River, the cherished daughter of James
6 and Karen McCanna. She grew up spending idyllic days on what was affectionately known as
7 “Katelyn’s Beach” with her best friend and sister, Jaymie Naclerio, and dreamed of one day
8 becoming a teacher; and

9 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from St. Luke's School and LaSalle Academy, Katelyn
10 earned her Bachelor’s degree from Salve Regina University, and making her dream come true,
11 she began teaching kindergarten at Bishop McVinney. She later moved to Las Vegas to continue
12 her teaching career and obtain her Master’s degree from the University of Las Vegas; and

13 WHEREAS, Three years late, Katelyn returned to Rhode Island and her beloved family,
14 taking a position teaching in the Bristol Warren Regional School District, where she split her time
15 between Hugh Cole and Colt Andrews School. For the majority of her years teaching, she had
16 been a gifted and beloved kindergarten teacher, most recently at Hugh Cole School; and

17 WHEREAS, It was to the very good fortune of many a young student when they were
18 assigned to Katelyn’s kindergarten class. Her ability to open her student’s minds to the magic of
19 ideas, knowledge, and dreams, and find the very best in themselves was truly unparalleled; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to her teaching and years at the State House, Katelyn was active
2 with various extracurricular activities and volunteering with myriad altruistic community service
3 initiatives; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Katelyn's time with her beloved husband was sadly short, their
5 love was joyous and brought her an immeasurable abundance of happiness. In addition, Katelyn
6 also leaves behind her aunt and Godmother, Cathi Terry and husband, Uncle Ed, her Uncle John
7 Calitri and Auntie Kb, her cousins, Michael and Erin Terry and their children, Ben and Sierra
8 Terry and their son, Chris Calitri and wife, Katie, and Matthew Calitri, the Felag Boys, and many
9 aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends; and

10 WHEREAS, The most fitting tribute to Katelyn McCanna Vieira is a celebration of her
11 life, a life in which each and every day was lived fully and joyfully embraced. She was fortunate
12 to have always enjoyed the total love and support of her family, and in return, she brightened and
13 enriched the lives of all around her. She will be dearly missed by not only her family and friends,
14 but also by the hundreds of young children whose lives she touched, and she will be forever
15 remembered; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby extends deepest
17 sympathy and condolences on the passing of Katelyn McCanna Vieira; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Milton Vieira, James and Karen McCanna, and
20 Jaymie Naclerio and Family.

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