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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DEBORAH ELLEN  
BRADSHAW

Introduced By: Senator P Fogarty

Date Introduced: March 08, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of  
2 Deborah Ellen Bradshaw, after a life-long battle with Muscular Dystrophy; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Ms. Bradshaw was the cherished daughter of John D.  
4 Bradshaw, III, and Marilyn Milan Bradshaw. She was the beloved sister of Sharon Bradshaw  
5 Hanson, and the loving aunt and Godmother of Matthew D. Hanson, and the aunt of Nicholas J.  
6 Bradshaw. She is also survived by several cousins including, Bonita Lombardi and Cheryl  
7 Campbell, and her best friend, Jamie Whalen Felice; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Bradshaw was raised in East Greenwich and was a graduate of East  
9 Greenwich High School. Continuing her education, she moved to Tempe, Arizona, to attend  
10 Arizona State University, where she earned her degree and enjoyed the area's warm climate; and

11 WHEREAS, Creative and artistically gifted, Ms. Bradshaw was an accomplished  
12 professional photographer, artist, and music lover; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2002, Ms. Bradshaw returned to Rhode Island due to her failing health.  
14 As her illness progressed, she took up residence at the Zambarano Hospital in Pascoag, where she  
15 became the President of Patients for Progress and Advocate for Patient's Rights from 2004 until  
16 her passing; and

17 WHEREAS, The entire staff at Zambarano Hospital, especially those on 2North truly  
18 became part of Ms. Bradshaw's extended family, always treating her and all their patients with  
19 utmost respect, care and sensitivity. With her "heart of gold" and determination in the face of

1 adversity, Deborah Bradshaw will be deeply missed by all who had the good fortune to be part of  
2 her extraordinary life; now, therefore be it

3           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
4 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Deborah Ellen Bradshaw; and be it  
5 further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to John D. Bradshaw, III, and Marilyn Milan  
8 Bradshaw.

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