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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOSEPHINE D. SLATER

Introduced By: Senators Quezada, Goodwin, Ruggerio, and Algieri

Date Introduced: June 17, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of  
2 Josephine D. Slater, beloved wife of the Honorable Thomas C. Slater, former Rhode Island State  
3 Representative, and the devoted mother of Gary Slater and his wife, Lauren, our friend and  
4 colleague the Honorable Scott Slater and his wife, Bianca, and Ellen Gopalakrishnan and her  
5 husband, Dr. Paari Gopalakrishnan; and

6           WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of the City of Providence, “Jody” as she was  
7 affectionately known by her family and friends, was a daughter of the late Patrick and Madeline  
8 McKiernan and the sister of Donald McKiernan, Paul McKiernan, and Gary McKiernan; and

9           WHEREAS, Mrs. Slater was also the doting “Nana” of eleven beautiful grandchildren,  
10 Riley, Daven, Thomas, Jonathan, Mia, Taylor, Kendall, Madeline, Avery, Elise, and Quinn, and a  
11 faithful and devout communicant of Saint Matthew’s Church. At the time of her passing, she had  
12 been a resident of Capitol Ridge Assisted Living in Providence; and

13           WHEREAS, In addition to making a warm and welcoming home for her family and  
14 friends, Mrs. Slater had been employed as an operator for the New England Telephone Company  
15 for more than thirty years before retiring, and had also worked as a teacher’s assistant with the  
16 Providence School Department; and

17           WHEREAS, With a loving personality, Mrs. Slater left an indelible mark on the lives of  
18 those she knew and loved, and she will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

19           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
20 hereby extends deepest sympathies to the entire Slater Family on the passing of Josephine D.

1 Slater; and be it further

2           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Gary Slater and Family, the Honorable Scott  
4 Slater and Family, and Ellen Gopalakrishnan and Family.

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