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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021**

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**H O U S E   R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SHIRLEY ANN WASHBURN**

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Shekarchi, Filippi, McNamara, and Vella-Wilkinson

Date Introduced: January 21, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Shirley Ann Washburn, a well-respected resident of the City of Warwick,  
2 passed away on December 28, 2020. She was the beloved wife of the late Edward Washburn, Jr.,  
3 and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Vittorio and Evelyn Gallerani; and

4           WHEREAS, Shirley Washburn began her professional career as a laboratory  
5 technologist. She then transitioned to a career in bookkeeping, working for a variety of companies  
6 including the former Davisville Credit Union of Wickford; and

7           WHEREAS, Mrs. Washburn made her biggest impact as a revered figure within the  
8 political culture of Warwick. She served in numerous positions including on the Ward Committee  
9 for decades, and on various other City boards. She received an appointment to the Electoral  
10 Review Committee of the Rhode Island Senate and had also volunteered her time working  
11 backstage in support of numerous campaigns, earning the label “Political Fairy Godmother”; and

12           WHEREAS, Shirley Washburn later became a full-time employee for the City of  
13 Warwick, serving with integrity and distinction as a payroll clerk until her retirement; and

14           WHEREAS, During her retirement, Mrs. Washburn loved travelling around the globe and  
15 scrapbooking about all of her incredible trips and adventures. Her other hobbies included doing  
16 the daily crossword puzzle and cheering on her favorite New England sports teams. Above all,  
17 she enjoyed spending time with her family and taking the entire family on cruise vacations; and

18           WHEREAS, Mrs. Washburn is survived by her children Jean Correia and Paul  
19 Washburn. She is also survived by her sister, June Stec, brother, Richard Gallerani and his wife,  
20 Eleanor, daughter-in-law Francesca La Rosa, granddaughters Melissa, Nicole, Kristen, Jennifer,

1 Stacy, Emanuela, and Evelyn, and thirteen great-grandchildren, Kyle, Jameson, Lee, Kalie,  
2 Kayden, Jaxson, Khloe, Logan, Kaleb, Julian, Jolie, Jacob, and Connor. She was the mother of  
3 the late David Washburn, sister of the late Louis Gallerani, and mother-in-law of the late Charles  
4 Correia; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
6 expresses its condolences to the Washburn Family on the passing of Shirley Ann Washburn; and  
7 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 Jean Correia and Paul Washburn.

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