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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MOLLY FALCONER
DE RAMEL

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Ruggiero, Abney, Carson,
McEntee, Shallcross Smith, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: January 11, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that the House has learned of the untimely passing of
2 Molly Falconer de Ramel, the beloved wife of Guillaume Henri de Ramel; and

3 WHEREAS, Molly de Ramel was born in Washington, DC, the oldest child of Allan
4 Ackerman and Abigail King. She grew up in Arlington, Massachusetts, and attended Shady High
5 School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she excelled in both academics and athletics. In high
6 school, she was the Captain of the squash team, was the Massachusetts State Champion and
7 ranked top ten nationally in Extemporaneous Speech, and was the first woman to be the Editor of
8 the Milton Paper; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. de Ramel proceeded to attend Harvard where she graduated Magna
10 Cum Laude and was a John Harvard scholar. Upon graduation, she embarked on a prestigious
11 television broadcasting career. She initially excelled at the smaller cable stations and drew the
12 attention of the large, national networks, where she proceeded to make her mark as an anchor and
13 reporter in the New York City market for several years, the biggest media market in the nation. In
14 recognition of her insightful and poignant reporting of the 9/11 tragedy, she was honored with an
15 Emmy Award; and

16 WHEREAS, After meeting and marrying the love of her life, Guillaume de Ramel, Molly
17 moved with him to start a family and begin a new career journey. She accepted a position to head
18 Brown University's media relations department before she decided to found and lead Periwinkle
19 Worldwide, a leading executive coaching firm. Within the business world, she soon became a

1 trusted advisor, highly sought-after-coach, and teacher of leadership skills and practices to
2 numerous executives, many of whom lead organizations that are household names throughout the
3 globe; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. de Ramel had a special knack for translating the essence of a book to a
5 child or client. She played a significant role in her husband Guillaume's political career, providing
6 insightful advice and crisp and concise editing. A childhood friend of hers stated, "She had
7 complete clarity in her understanding of people, places and of complex relationships. This made
8 her a sharp and successful journalist and a savvy businesswoman"; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. de Ramel devoted much of her free time in service to important
10 charities and cultural institutions. She served as a Director or Trustee of the Redwood Library, St.
11 Michaels Country Day School, the Boys & Girls Club, RhodySquash, and the Belmont
12 Foundation. She was deeply interested her entire life in literature, history, education, and helping
13 disadvantaged children; and

14 WHEREAS, The most important things in Mrs. de Ramel's life was her family. She was a
15 loving, devoted and caring wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend. The shining light of excellence
16 and compassion she left behind will be long remembered by her family and many friends; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Mrs. de Ramel leaves behind her children
18 Charles and Elizabeth, her mother, Abigail, her father and stepmother, Allan and Martha, her
19 mother-in-law Elizabeth Prince, and her brother, Samuel Ackerman and his wife, Jaqueline
20 Lagrange Ackerman, and their two children, Autumn Alethe Ackerman and Samuel John
21 Ackerman; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
23 expresses its deepest condolences to the de Ramel family on the passing of Molly Falconer de
24 Ramel; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
26 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Guillaume Henri de Ramel and Family.

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