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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ELIZABETH POITRAS

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Casey, J. Brien, Shekarchi, Blazejewski,
Chippendale, Ajello, Fogarty, Fenton-Fung, and Shallcross Smith
Date Introduced: January 16, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of
2 Elizabeth Poitras of Woonsocket. She was the beloved wife of Larry Poitras for 54 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Originally from Blackstone, Elizabeth Poitras was the daughter of Arthur
4 and Marguerite LaPointe. She graduated from St. Mary's Central Catholic High School in
5 Milford and met the love of her life, Larry Poitras, as a teenager while they were working
6 together at the Coby Glass Christmas Ball Factory; and

7 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Poitras attended Framingham Union Hospital School of Nursing
8 for a period, but left school to be with her husband when he was drafted into the United States
9 Army. They married in 1969 and she lived near Fort Dix Army Base for a short period and later
10 for a year in Idar-Oberstein, Germany, to be with her husband, before they returned home and
11 settled in Woonsocket; and

12 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Poitras was a hard-working professional who strove daily to
13 support her family. For thirty years she was a beloved librarian for the Greater Woonsocket
14 Catholic Regional Schools, and took immense joy in sharing her love of reading and literature
15 with the students at St. Joseph's, Our Lady of Victories, Monsignor Gadoury and the Good
16 Shepherd School. She made a positive difference in the lives of countless young students; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Larry, Elizabeth is survived by her daughter
18 Jennifer McDonald and her husband, Abre, and daughter Aimee Bernier. She also leaves behind
19 her grandchildren Ethan, Ava, and Arlen, and her sisters Madeleine Plasse and her husband,
20 James, and Renee Allard and her husband, Albert. In addition, she leaves behind her numerous

1 extended family members and many friends; and

2 WHEREAS, Elizabeth Poitras was a shining light and a beacon of love and joy in the
3 lives of her family and many friends and colleagues. She will live on forever in the memories and
4 hearts of all who knew and loved her; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
6 expresses its condolences on the passing of Elizabeth Poitras; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Larry Poitras and Family.

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