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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE MARY LOUISE  
WALTER

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Kennedy, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place,  
Spears, Costantino, Tanzi, Ackerman, and Ajello

Date Introduced: May 21, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of the  
2 Honorable Mary Louise Walter of Westerly. She was raised in Pawcatuck, and attended St.  
3 Michael's School and Stonington High School, and while at Stonington, she met the love of her  
4 life, the late Ronald Walter, whom was her beloved husband for 55 years; and

5           WHEREAS, Shortly after being married, Mary and her husband moved to Westerly  
6 where she was a loving wife and a devoted mother to her daughters, Susan and Raeann. She kept  
7 a loving, warm and nurturing home for her family. She loved beautiful things and enjoyed  
8 making baskets, painting, sewing curtains, planting rock gardens and creating Christmas crafts,  
9 all of which made her home a beautiful and welcoming place in which to reside. She also had a  
10 special talent for making high quality clothing for her daughters; and

11           WHEREAS, Outside of raising her family, Mrs. Walter taught preschool, coordinated the  
12 St. Clare's May procession for many years, volunteered as a docent at the Babcock Smith House,  
13 was a Girl Scout Troop Leader, volunteered her services at the Westerly Public Library, and  
14 owned and operated a bookstore; and

15           WHEREAS, Mary Louise Walter was also a distinguished public servant who always  
16 served her constituents with abiding integrity and tireless devotion. She served as a Dunn's  
17 Corners Tax Collector, and later served as a member of the Rhode Island House of  
18 Representatives. She was elected in 1984 to the Rhode Island General Assembly, representing  
19 District 51 in Westerly, and served with distinction until 1998. Well-liked and highly-regarded by

1 her colleagues, Mrs. Walter served on the Corporations Committee and on the Joint Committee  
2 on Environment and Energy; and

3 WHEREAS, In her free time, Mrs. Walter was a devoted grandmother to her six  
4 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She enjoyed spending summers and holidays, beach  
5 way crabbing, cookouts, playing bocce and badminton, taking trips to Mystic Aquarium, doing  
6 arts and crafts projects and taking trips to visit farms. She was also a devout Christian her entire  
7 life and took great pleasure and comfort in reading her Bible regularly; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
9 expresses its condolences on the passing of the Honorable Mary Louise Walter; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Susan Tronti and family, and Raeann Smoot  
12 and family.

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