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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF MARTHA ARAMIAN

Introduced By: Senator Maryellen Goodwin

Date Introduced: January 23, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Martha Aramian. She passed on much as she had lived her life, with dignity and surrounded by
3 her loving family. She is survived by her sisters S. Sue Aramian and Margo Ragan, her niece
4 Jocelyn, her nephew Paul, her beloved grandniece and grandnephews Emma Ragan, Luca and
5 Bastian Micolucci, and her cousins Cheryl and Dianne Apkarian; and

6 WHEREAS, Martha Aramian gave generously of herself to her family, her friends, her
7 heritage, and those in need. Together with her sisters and the International YMCA, she
8 established the Kazar and Nevart Aramian Child Care Center, as well as the Aramian Camp for
9 children and the Zevartaran for senior citizens in Vanadzor, Armenia; and

10 WHEREAS, The Armenian Heritage Park in Providence was designed, created, and
11 deeded to the city through Martha Aramian's determination and benevolence. The park stands as
12 a testament to those in the Armenian community who endured the horrors of the Genocide and
13 made their homes and built new lives in this country. Within the park, the names of these brave
14 families are engraved on granite stones and forever memorialized; and

15 WHEREAS, Martha had great faith and believed the Armenian Church was the
16 cornerstone for the Armenian people. Although she was a member of Sts. Vartanantz Church,
17 she lent her support to all the Armenian churches in Providence; and

18 WHEREAS, Sir Winston Churchill was quoted as saying, "We make a living by what we
19 get, we make a life by what we give." Martha Aramian gave her time and her heart
20 generously. She is truly deserving of our utmost admiration and gratitude and she will be dearly

1 missed; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Martha Aramian; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to S. Sue Aramian and Margo Ragan.

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