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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JOAN F. BYRNES

Introduced By: Senator Dominick J. Ruggiero

Date Introduced: June 17, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Joan F.
2 Byrnes, devoted wife of the late William Byrnes, Sr., and the beloved mother of J. Patricia
3 Frazier, William Byrnes, Jr., and our friend and colleague, Kathleen Jackson and her husband,
4 Dennis; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Byrnes was the daughter of the late Raymond Milliken and Florence
6 Varley. She was born Providence and for most of her life had made her home in the City of
7 Warwick. Most recently, she had been a resident of the West View Nursing and Rehabilitation
8 Center; and

9 WHEREAS, A gifted artist, Mrs. Byrnes had exhibited her work at both the Wickford Art
10 and Scituate Art Festivals. She also loved music, enjoyed astronomy, and had a green thumb
11 when it came to cultivating beautiful roses, daisies, and gardenias; and

12 WHEREAS, With a loving personality, Mrs. Byrnes created and nurtured a marriage that
13 flourished, and a home that was warm and welcoming. She doted on her family, particularly her
14 grandchildren, Jeffrey Jackson, Patrick Jackson and his wife, Stephanie, Bryan Jackson, and
15 Wenli Rose Frazier, and her great-grandchild, Riley Jackson; and

16 WHEREAS, Above all else, Joan Byrnes loved her family and loved life. She was a
17 generous, kind, and sincere lady who left an indelible mark on the lives of those she knew and
18 loved, and she will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
20 hereby extends deepest condolences on the passing of Joan F. Byrnes; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to J. Patricia Frazier, William Byrnes, Jr., and
3 Kathleen Jackson and Family.

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