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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF VIOLET ROSE LITTLE

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Diaz, Chippendale, Slater,  
Perez, Bennett, Edwards, Alzate, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: January 30, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, This House was deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Violet Rose  
2 Little, the beloved mother of our friend and former colleague, the Honorable Anastacia Williams,  
3 and Rigoberto Cano Little. She was blessed with five grandchildren, Lisa Williams, Dionne  
4 Williams, Jonnathan Herrera, Angelo Herrera and Carlita Little, and four great-grandchildren,  
5 Hev'n McNeil, Kassidy Herrera, Londyn Ferrara and Swayze Ferrara; and

6           WHEREAS, Mrs. Little, affectionately known by family and friends as "Rose", was born  
7 in Silver City, in the segregated Black communities on the Atlantic side of the United States-  
8 controlled Canal Zone, in the Republic of Panama. She was the daughter of the late Arnold  
9 Robinson and Eva Adams Robinson, who had emigrated from Jamaica, West Indies to Cuba, and  
10 then to Panama. She was the sister of Johnathan Robinson, and the late Myrtle Hartley, Edna  
11 Robinson, Melvin Robinson, Hazel Patrick, Christopher Robinson, and Frederick Robinson; and

12           WHEREAS, After graduating from the Rainbow City Occupational High School in the  
13 Canal Zone, Mrs. Little met and married Benjamin Little and the couple immigrated to the United  
14 States and made their home in the City of Providence. She enrolled at the University of Rhode  
15 Island and earned her Bachelor's degree in Economics and later, a Master's degree in Agency  
16 Counseling from Rhode Island College; and

17           WHEREAS, For many years, Mrs. Little was employed at Rhode Island College and  
18 upon retirement, volunteered in one-on-one counseling at certain homes, tutored at the Rhode  
19 Island Food Bank, and counseled single mothers at the McAuley Village; and

20           WHEREAS, Always active in the community and with her church, Mrs. Little was a

1 member of Hood Memorial A.M.E Zion, where she served as a Deaconess, Trustee, and Steward,  
2 and was also responsible for bread baskets for those in need. In addition, she was the Special  
3 Projects Manager and assisted with grants for the church, and was on the board of the Dexter  
4 Donation Trust for the City of Providence; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Little continually gave her time, energies and talents to her faith and  
6 altruistic endeavors. While a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, she volunteered helping  
7 with the preparation of all the food, vegetables, etc. for the needy, along with Elaine Isom, who  
8 kept everyone on their toes; and

9 WHEREAS, Rose Little, a wife, a mother, a grandmother, and great-grandmother, will be  
10 forever remembered for “the twinkle in her eye”, her vibrancy, and the abundance of good deeds  
11 she bestowed on others throughout her lifetime; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
13 extends deepest condolences on the passing of Violet Rose Little; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Anastacia Williams and Family,  
16 and Rigoberto Cano Little and Family.

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