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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 GLORIA MESSERLIAN

Introduced By: Representatives Kazarian, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
Kennedy, Tanzi, Ajello, Shallcross Smith, Felix, and Fogarty
Date Introduced: February 06, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, This House was saddened to hear of the passing of Gloria Messerlian, the
2 beloved wife of the late Robert Baxter Messerlian for sixty-two years, and the cherished mother
3 of Lisa Abbott and her husband, Stephen Abbott, and Paul Messerlian and his wife, Dr. Geralyn
4 Messerlian. She had also been blessed with four grandchildren, Ariana and David Abbott, and
5 Janina and Nicole Messerlian; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in the City of Pawtucket, Mrs. Messerlian was the daughter of the late
7 Souren and Theresa Roupenian, and had made her home in the City of Cranston; and

8 WHEREAS, Devoted to her faith, Mrs. Messerlian was a member of the Armenian
9 Evangelical Church of Cranston, the Bible study at Sts. Vartanantz Armenian Apostolic Church,
10 and was a founding member of Hope Church, which was formerly known as the Cranston
11 Christian Fellowship; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Messerlian had founded Baxter's Jewelry in 1960. She had
13 many close friends within the Armenian community and the jewelry industry, and had enjoyed
14 dining and seeing friends at Twin Oaks and Panera; and

15 WHEREAS, Gloria Messerlian was a kind and warm woman, and a devoted mother,
16 wife, and loyal friend, whose faith in God and Christ guided her life, and she is dearly missed;
17 now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
19 extends deepest condolences on the passing of Gloria Messerlian; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Lisa Abbott and Family, and Paul Messerlian
- 2 and Family.

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