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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST SADNESS ON THE TRAGIC AND UNTIMELY PASSING OF  
CHRISTINE AND SPENCER LANE, A BARRINGTON MOM AND HER TEENAGED SON

Introduced By: Representatives Boylan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Knight,  
Kennedy, Ajello, Fogarty, Ackerman, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: February 25, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, At around 9 p.m. on Wednesday January 29, 2025, an American airlines  
2 flight collided midair with a Blackhawk military helicopter, killing Christine Conrad Lane and  
3 Spencer Seojin Lane and all onboard the two flights; and

4           WHEREAS, Nationwide, within minutes, millions of television viewers watched the  
5 horrific scene as hundreds of families across the country were shattered, and the pain of losing  
6 loved ones left a heartrending void in their lives; and

7           WHEREAS, Christine and Douglas Lane made their home in Barrington with their two  
8 sons, Spencer and Milo, who they had adopted from South Korea; and

9           WHEREAS, Christine was a devoted mom who "exuded creativity throughout her life".  
10 She loved animals and often helped to find homes for dogs in need. With "tons of light to share  
11 with everybody" and "a contagious laugh", Christine had the innate ability to connect with friends  
12 from "all corners of her life" but always at the forefront of her passion, was being a wife and a  
13 loving and supportive mom to Spencer and Milo; and

14           WHEREAS, A graduate of Syracuse University, with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in  
15 Communication Design, Christine had worked as a graphic designer for blue-chip advertising  
16 agencies on multimillion-dollar advertising campaigns for Dunkin' Donuts, John Hancock, and  
17 other globally recognized brands; and

18           WHEREAS, Upon marrying, relocating to Barrington and adopting her sons, Spencer and  
19 Milo, Christine pursued interests in photography, quilting, and knitting; and

1           WHEREAS, Spencer, an incredibly athletic and bright 16-year-old, had attended  
2 Barrington High School until his skating talents and career resulted in a transition to an alternate  
3 education as he pursued a future in figure skating. Described by his dad as a "force of nature",  
4 Spencer had risen from basic Learn to Skate classes to the U.S. Figure Skating's National  
5 Development Team in just a few short years; and

6           WHEREAS, From the first moment his blades hit the ice, Spencer was in love with  
7 skating and there was no stopping him. Amazingly gifted in so many ways, he was a "magnetic  
8 force" who had the innate ability to connect with people, and all who knew him believed he  
9 would be a future Olympian; and

10           WHEREAS, Christine and Spencer were returning home from the National Development  
11 Camp onboard the fateful plane after a joyous week surrounded by his friends and coaches from  
12 the Skating Club of Boston and the U.S. Figure Skating family; and

13           WHEREAS, It is so important that this family knows they are never far from the thoughts  
14 and prayers of all Rhode Islanders and that our hearts hold great empathy and sorrow for the  
15 family of Christine and Spencer Lane, their beloved husband and devoted dad, Douglas Lane, and  
16 loving son and loyal younger brother, Milo; and

17           WHEREAS, In addition, Christine and Spencer are survived by her parents, Wayne and  
18 Karen Conrad, her sister, Kathleen Wolfanger, her adoring extended family, including her  
19 brother-in-law, Jason Wolfanger, and nephews Cody, Hunter, and Logan Wolfanger, father-in-  
20 law and mother-in-law, Paul and Constance Lane, sister-in-law, Amanda Lane, and nephews,  
21 Leander and Felix Knasin, the family's beloved dogs, Harley and Charlee, and hedgehog, Bobbin;  
22 now, therefore be it

23           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
24 extends deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Christine and Spencer Lane; and be it  
25 further

26           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
27 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Douglas Lane and Milo Lane.

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