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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONDEMNING POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO THE
FAMILIES OF THE HONORABLE SPEAKER EMERITA MELISSA HORTMAN AND THE
HONORABLE STATE SENATOR JOHN HOFFMAN

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Ciccone, Tikoian, Gallo, DiPalma, Mack, Ujifusa,
Paolino, Euer, and Kallman

Date Introduced: June 17, 2025

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, America was founded on the principles of political and religious freedom,
2 with the right to engage in debate a cornerstone of our democracy, and tolerance an essential
3 component; and

4 WHEREAS, Americans are proud to live in a country where differences are addressed
5 through debate, not violence; and

6 WHEREAS, Devastated and heartbroken, Minnesotans and all Americans learned of the
7 tragic violence on Saturday, June 14th, as the Hortman and Hoffman families, were violently
8 killed and wounded at their homes, in a horrific, targeted, and "politically motivated" shooting;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Getting shot for ones' beliefs is a sickening and cowardly act of violence, is
11 never a legitimate means of expressing dissent, and is unequivocally condemnable to all
12 Americans; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses outrage and
14 condemns, in the strongest possible terms, the political violence that took the life of the
15 Honorable Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and the attempted
16 assassination and wounding of the Honorable State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette.
17 We, moreover, extend deepest sympathy to the Hortman and Hoffman children and families, and
18 the people of the State of Minnesota; and be it further

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

- 1 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Tim Walz, Governor of the State
- 2 of Minnesota and the Honorable Lisa Demuth, Minnesota Speaker of the House.

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