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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF DELORES (RAVO) MELILLO

Introduced By: Representatives Paplauskas, Chippendale, Blazejewski, Potter, Fascia,
Quattrocchi, Solomon, Bennett, Handy, and McNamara
Date Introduced: February 05, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness and solemn respect that this House has learned of the
2 passing of Delores (Ravo) Melillo of Cranston on January 22, 2026, at the age of eighty-seven;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Mrs. Melillo was the beloved wife of the late Anthony
5 R. Melillo and the daughter of the late Joseph and Angelina (DeMechele) Ravo. A woman of
6 integrity, strength, and quiet determination, she dedicated many years of her professional life as
7 an assembler at Quill Pen, where she was known for her strong work ethic and steadfast
8 commitment before retiring; and

9 WHEREAS, Above all else, Delores Melillo was devoted to her family. She found her
10 greatest joy in the warmth of her home and was widely known for her love of cooking and the
11 care with which she hosted family and friends. Her Sunday dinners, particularly during the
12 summer months by her pool, were cherished gatherings where laughter, storytelling, and lasting
13 memories were made; and

14 WHEREAS, A woman who embraced life's simple pleasures, Delores delighted in days
15 spent at the beach, Saturday evening outings, and memorable trips to Atlantic City with her
16 husband, Anthony. Whether through a lovingly prepared meal or a shared glass of wine, she had a
17 gift for making ordinary moments feel special; and

18 WHEREAS, Delores Melillo leaves behind a legacy rooted in love, family, and service.
19 She is survived by her children, Lorna Belanger and her husband, Edward, and Anthony J.
20 Melillo and his wife, Elena, all of Cranston. Her son, Anthony J. Melillo, serves the City of

1 Cranston with distinction as Vice Chairman of the Cranston School Committee, and whose
2 commitment to public service reflects the values instilled in him by his proud mother; and

3 WHEREAS, Delores was the cherished and devoted grandmother of Melissa Petrocchi
4 and her husband, Anthony, Nicholas Belanger and his wife, Nicole, Alison Melillo, Abigail
5 Melillo, and Vanessa Varone; and the adored great-grandmother of Luca and Amelia Petrocchi,
6 all of whom were the pride and joy of her life and the fortunate recipients of her boundless love
7 and wisdom; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Melillo also leaves behind her sister, Joann Ravo of Johnston, her
9 special niece, ToniAnn Salzillo, and many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and
10 friends whose lives were enriched by her kindness, generosity, and grace; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
12 extends its deepest condolences to the Melillo family on the passing of Delores (Ravo) Melillo,
13 honoring her life, her legacy, and the enduring impact she leaves on all who knew and loved her;
14 and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the family of Delores (Ravo) Melillo.

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