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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARTHA M. FARRELL

Introduced By: Representatives Marszalkowski, Ackerman, Voas, Shekarchi,
Blazejewski, Chippendale, Kennedy, Ajello, Fellela, and Shallcross
Date Introduced: March 05, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Martha
2 M. Farrell of Cumberland on February 21, 2026, at the age of seventy-one; and

3 WHEREAS, Martha was the devoted wife of Thomas C. Farrell for nearly fifty years,
4 and together they shared a lasting and loving marriage that began during the historic Blizzard of
5 1978 at a Newport Creamery in Cumberland; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Central Falls to the late James and Claire Pratt, Martha carried
7 forward the values of family, faith, and service throughout her life; and

8 WHEREAS, Martha dedicated her professional life to nursing, providing compassionate
9 and skilled care to patients and families throughout Massachusetts and Rhode Island. During her
10 career, she served at Emerson Hospital, Memorial Hospital, Women & Infants Hospital, Sturdy
11 Memorial Hospital, and Fuller Hospital, exemplifying professionalism, dedication, and kindness;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to her professional career, Martha was deeply committed to her
14 community. She volunteered in her children's schools and at her church, worked with Marriage
15 Equality Rhode Island, served as a mentor, and was a member of the Cumberland School
16 Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, Through her steady presence in her neighborhood and community, she
18 fostered goodwill, friendship, and a spirit of generosity that touched many lives; and

19 WHEREAS, She is survived by her beloved husband, Thomas C. Farrell; her children,
20 Ellen Thomas and her husband, Stafford, Christopher Farrell, and Colleen Farrell; her sister,

1 Claire Sweeney; and her grandchildren, Stafford and Matthias Thomas; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
3 expresses its deepest sympathy on the passing of Martha M. Farrell and extends its sincere
4 condolences to her family and friends; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Thomas C. Farrell and Family.

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