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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF HUDSON O'LOUGHLIN  
AND ELISABETH O'LOUGHLIN

Introduced By: Representatives Alzate, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Stewart,  
McGaw, Kennedy, Ajello, Fellela, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: March 05, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with profound sorrow that the members of the House of Representatives  
2       pause to honor the lives and memories of Hudson O'Loughlin and Elisabeth O'Loughlin, whose  
3       passing has brought immeasurable grief to their family, friends, and all who knew and loved  
4       them; and

5           WHEREAS, Hudson O'Loughlin, just six years old, tragically lost his life on January 17,  
6       2026, in San Diego, California, while enjoying an afternoon bicycle ride with his family—an  
7       activity that every child should be able to experience safely and freely; and

8           WHEREAS, Hudson's life, though far too brief, was filled with extraordinary depth,  
9       curiosity, and joy. He possessed a boundless love of the outdoors and a wide-eyed wonder for the  
10      world around him. He noticed the small details of life—the earth beneath his feet, the beauty in  
11      simple moments—and reminded those around him to slow down, to appreciate, and to live with  
12      kindness and intention; and

13          WHEREAS, Though his family made their home in California, they maintained deep  
14      roots in Rhode Island, and Hudson's memory resonates strongly within this state. His tragic and  
15      preventable death underscores the urgent and ongoing responsibility we share to ensure safer  
16      streets, stronger protections for children and families, and communities where every person may  
17      move about safely and with dignity; and

18          WHEREAS, In the midst of their grief, Hudson's family has spoken of his immeasurable  
19      impact, noting that his lessons of curiosity, compassion, and appreciation for life endure in the

1 hearts of all who knew him; and

2 WHEREAS, In a heartbreaking turn of events, the O’Loughlin family endured a second  
3 profound loss just ten days later with the passing of Elisabeth O’Loughlin on January 27, 2026, at  
4 the age of eighty-four; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Wiesbaden, Germany, Elisabeth O’Loughlin crossed an ocean and  
6 ultimately made Rhode Island her home for nearly fifty years, embracing the Ocean State and  
7 building a life rooted in family, resilience, and devotion; and

8 WHEREAS, A woman of independence and determination, Elisabeth was an avid rider of  
9 the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority, maintaining her autonomy as she traveled across the  
10 state to visit her cherished grandchildren, attend to daily errands, and remain actively engaged in  
11 the life of her community; and

12 WHEREAS, Above all else, Elisabeth found her greatest joy in her family. She  
13 celebrated every milestone of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, nurturing a  
14 legacy defined by generosity, compassion, quiet strength, and unwavering love. Those who knew  
15 her remember her gentle spirit, her comforting presence, and her remarkable ability to make each  
16 person feel valued and deeply loved; and

17 WHEREAS, The lives of Hudson and Elisabeth, though separated by generations, were  
18 united by the bonds of family and by the values they embodied—curiosity, resilience,  
19 independence, and enduring love; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
21 expresses its deepest condolences to the O’Loughlin family on the passing of Hudson O’Loughlin  
22 and Elisabeth O’Loughlin; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That in honoring their memories, this House recommits itself to building  
24 safer streets for our children, accessible and reliable public transportation for our seniors, and  
25 stronger, more compassionate communities for all Rhode Islanders; and be it 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 Nicole O’Loughlin and Family.

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