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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 LINDA ZANNI

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Slater, Chippendale, Solomon,
Kennedy, Tanzi, Fogarty, Phillips, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 07, 2026

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Linda
2 Marie Zanni, whose life was defined by kindness, generosity, and the unconditional love she gave
3 so freely. Linda was the cherished mother of Kara Zanni Sides, and her husband, Adoniram
4 Sides; and

5 WHEREAS, A proud Rhode Islander, Linda was born and raised in Pawtucket and
6 maintained a lifelong connection to her roots. She embraced the traditions, culture, and simple
7 joys that make the Ocean State so special like endless beach days and a passion for seafood; and

8 WHEREAS, Linda made her home in Scituate for many years, where she fostered a
9 warm and welcoming environment, filling it with music, dancing, and cooking. She built a
10 vibrant life grounded in laughter and love; and

11 WHEREAS, Linda was widely known for her open heart and open door, offering
12 comfort, compassion, and a sense of belonging to many, becoming a trusted presence in the lives
13 of those around her, and leaving a lasting impact on all who knew her; and

14 WHEREAS, As the owner of a local dance studio, Linda devoted nearly two decades to
15 sharing her love of dance with her students, inspiring confidence, creativity, and self-expression;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In her public service, Linda served the State of Rhode Island as a typist in
18 Legislative Council at the State House, where her kindness, gentle spirit, and warm demeanor
19 were deeply valued by her former colleagues; and

20 WHEREAS, She leaves behind her beloved nieces, Diana Beeley-Andrade, Maureen

1 Simpson, and Donna Gouveia, and her devoted companion, Dennis Kimball, as well as many
2 extended family members, friends, and former students who will long cherish her memory; and

3 WHEREAS, Linda Zanni's legacy is one of compassion, generosity, and unwavering
4 love, and her presence will be profoundly missed by all who had the privilege to know her; now,
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
7 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Linda Zanni and extends its sincere sympathy
8 to her family and loved ones; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the family of Linda Zanni.

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