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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ELLIE CHASE

Introduced By: Senator Dawn M. Euer

Date Introduced: March 02, 2026

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Ellie  
2 Chase, of Jamestown, Rhode Island. She was the beloved wife of the late Barton Chase; and

3           WHEREAS, Ellie Chase was born in the Bronx, New York City, the daughter of the late  
4 Frank and Eleanor O'Connor. Ellie was a hard-working woman who, after attaining a secretarial  
5 degree, worked tirelessly at Rockefeller Center to provide for her family, as she raised four  
6 daughters in New York State during the 1960s and 1970s with her ex-husband, the late John  
7 Moloney; and

8           WHEREAS, After her divorce, Ellie moved to Connecticut, where she married Bart and  
9 worked as an insurance account representative for T.R. Paul. In the early 1990s, Ellie and her  
10 husband Bart moved to Jamestown, settling down and built a deeply rooted life in Rhode Island.  
11 Together, Ellie and Bart enjoyed the great outdoors where they sailed their 21-foot boat Sea  
12 Sprite from the Jamestown Marina and took frequent walks in Beavertail State Park; and

13           WHEREAS, Ellie and Bart also enjoyed partaking in the local community's arts and  
14 cultural activities, with Ellie taking part in the Jamestown Community Chorus, and Bart's  
15 important role in founding the Jamestown Community Band. Together, they also supported the  
16 Friends of Jamestown Seniors; and

17           WHEREAS, Ellie Chase was a beloved pillar of the Jamestown community. Ellie was a  
18 longtime member of St. Mark Catholic Church, and an active volunteer of its Women's Group,  
19 spearheading the Christmas tree raffle and walking group. She also enjoyed working as a docent  
20 educator at the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum, served as the Executive Vice President of the

1 Friends of Jamestown Seniors, and also volunteered at the Jamestown Community Farm, and  
2 through these endeavors she made many lifelong friends; and

3 WHEREAS, In her free time, Ellie enjoyed hosting summer lobster bakes and baking the  
4 best chocolate chip cookies in Jamestown, for her family and friends. Ellie was also a certified  
5 Master Gardener who lovingly tended to her garden at home and the gardens at the Jamestown  
6 Senior Center. Ellie was also an avid reader and supporter of the Town Library, and enjoyed  
7 travelling to Europe and the National Parks across the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Ellie Chase is survived by her daughters, Ellie Wilson and her husband,  
9 Walter, Peggy Clark and her husband, Tom, Kathy Clute and her husband, Chris, and Theresa  
10 Moloney, and her grandchildren, Meagan Clark Adamovic and her husband, Michael, David  
11 Clark and his wife, Julie, Garrod Clute, Donald Wilson, and Bridget Clute, as well as her great-  
12 grandchildren, Henry and Caleb Adamovic. Ellie Chase is also survived by her late husband Bart  
13 Chase's nephew and close friend, Ernie Wulff, sisters-in-law Maureen O'Connor, and Laura  
14 O'Connor, along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many dear friends; now, therefore be  
15 it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest  
17 condolences to the Chase Family on the passing of Ellie Chase; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
19 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Ellie Wilson, Peggy Clark, Kathy Clute, and  
20 Theresa Moloney.

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