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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JEANNETTE D. ALYWARD

Introduced By: Senators Valverde, DiMario, and Lawson

Date Introduced: May 08, 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
2 Jeannette D. (Fage) Alyward of North Kingstown on March 17, 2026, following a brief illness.
3 Born in Bronx, New York, she was the cherished daughter of John Harry Selby and Helena Anne
4 (Harview) Selby; and

5 WHEREAS, Jeannette was the beloved wife of James R. Alyward for 19 years, the
6 loving mother of Jennifer L. Barnes and her husband, Christopher, and Michele A. Hawkins and
7 her husband, John, and the devoted stepmother of James R. Alyward III and his wife, Melissa,
8 and Whitney L. Alyward; and

9 WHEREAS, Jeanette was also the proud and loving grandmother of Adelyn, Ethan,
10 Greyson, and Landon, and a cherished sister to Keith Fage and his wife, Martha, Robert Fage and
11 his husband, Bob, and Steven Fage and his wife, Heather, in addition to being remembered fondly
12 by her many nieces and nephews; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1998, Jeannette began her distinguished career with the Town of North
14 Kingstown, where she faithfully served the community for several decades, most recently as
15 Town Clerk. Jeannette viewed her career not merely as a job, but as a reflection of her character.
16 Because of this, she brought to her work tremendous dedication, integrity and a profound sense of
17 responsibility, earning her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and the gratitude of the
18 town she wholeheartedly served; and

19 WHEREAS, Jeanette found her greatest happiness in her devotion to her family and the
20 simple joys in beloved family traditions especially creating lasting memories on the shores of

1 Maine during annual trips to Old Orchard Beach, and summer days spent by her poolside where
2 she welcomed family and friends and neighborhood children; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby extends its deepest
4 condolences to the Alyward family on the passing of Jeannette D. Alyward. She was an
5 extraordinary woman whose legacy of loving devotion to her family and exemplary service to her
6 community will undoubtedly leave an enduring impact on those who had the good fortune to
7 know and love her; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to James R. Alyward and family.

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