

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARJORIE HOPE
MARTIESIAN

Introduced By: Senators Zurier, F. Lombardi, Ciccone, DiMario, Gallo, Tikoian,
Murray, Lauria, Raptakis, and Britto

Date Introduced: March 23, 2023

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Marjorie Hope Martiesian of Saunderstown; and

3 WHEREAS, Marjorie Hope Martiesian was a woman of great accomplishment and a
4 teacher held in high esteem by all of her peers. She was a member of the first graduating class of
5 the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) and graduated from Mount St. Joseph College
6 with a degree in elementary education. She later earned a Master's degree in education from
7 Rhode Island College; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Martiesian was a reading specialist teacher for 28 years with the
9 Providence School System, spending the greater part of her distinguished career at the Broad
10 Street Elementary School. She was a beloved figure who always went the extra mile to tutor her
11 students and guide them as they passed through elementary school; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Martiesian was a lifelong advocate of public education. She served as a
13 member of the Armenian Students' Association where she served on their National Board of
14 Trustees and was President of the Providence branch. She was also a Board Member of the CRRI
15 Foundation; and

16 WHEREAS, In her retirement, Ms. Martiesian continued her advocacy, serving as a
17 Board Member of the Rochambeau Branch of the Providence Public Library and on the Board of
18 the Narragansett Public Library. She was also a strong supporter of their Building Fund; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Martiesian was a woman of deep faith. She was a member of Sts. Sahag

1 & Mesrob Armenian Apostolic Church where she taught Sunday School, and was a member of
2 the Parish Council and the Women's Guild, and the Daughters of Vartan, where she was honored
3 as their Daughter of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Martiesian is survived by her siblings, Terrance Sahag Martiesian and
5 his wife, Dorothy, and Andrea Martiesian Doughty and her husband, Philip. She also leaves
6 behind her nieces and nephews, Jason, Joshua, Julia, Jennifer, Lauren, Marc, Carla, Olivia, Aram,
7 Sadie, Kian, Leila, Levon, Ani, Cassius, and Princeton, and her close friend, Adrienne Cady and
8 her husband, Dennis; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest
10 condolences on the passing of Marjorie Hope Martiesian; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Terrance Sahag Martiesian and Family and
13 Andrea Martiesian Doughty and Family.

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