

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY E. SMITH

Introduced By: Senator Valarie J. Lawson

Date Introduced: March 24, 2023

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Mary E.  
2 Smith, the devoted wife of Richard Patrick Smith for nearly 50 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Mary E. Smith was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Jean Aguiar.  
4 She graduated from the St. Joseph Hospital Nursing School in 1972, and began working as a  
5 registered nurse at Women & Infants in 1977; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was a devoted medical professional and skilled nurse who loved  
7 taking care of premature infants with her fellow nurses and doctors in the Neo-natal Intensive  
8 Care Unit; and

9 WHEREAS, Even after retiring in 2013, Mrs. Smith would regularly get together with  
10 her nursing friends for lunch and camaraderie. She was a giving and loving person who always  
11 put her family and patients first in her life; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Richard, Mary Smith leaves behind her sons,  
13 Brian Emmett Smith and his wife, Eileen, and Christopher Michael Smith and his wife, Lela, and  
14 her grandchildren, Douglas Emmett, Vivian Veronica, Caroline Elizabeth and Evelyn Elizabeth.  
15 She also leaves behind her siblings JoAnne Aguiar, Richard Aguiar, Sharon Snape and Robert  
16 Aguiar, her aunts Joan Furtado and Louise Kenney, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She  
17 was the mother of the late Jennifer Rebecca Palumbo; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest  
19 condolences on the passing of Mary E. Smith; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Richard Patrick Smith and Family.

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