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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PATRICIA M. GOODWIN

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Mattiello, Fox, Hull, and McCauley

Date Introduced: January 04, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness and regret that this House of Representatives has
2 learned of the passing of Patricia M. Goodwin, who was the loving mother of Senate Majority
3 Whip, Maryellen Goodwin; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Patricia Goodwin, who sadly passed away on December 21, 2011, was
5 the wife of former Senator Thomas N. Goodwin for fifty-three years. She was also the beloved
6 mother of Sheila A. Connelly and Maureen P. LaRocque; and

7 WHEREAS, Patricia Goodwin was born in Providence on Saint Patrick's Day, seventy-
8 six years ago and lived in the Smith Hill Neighborhood for most of her adult life before moving
9 to the Town of North Providence; and

10 WHEREAS, Pat was employed as a genealogist for the State of Rhode Island,
11 Department of Vital Records for eighteen years, retiring in 1997. Upon her retirement, she, along
12 with her daughter Maureen, hosted Perfect Beginnings Family Christian Day Care at her
13 residence in North Providence for seven years until she became ill in 2006. Prior to that, from
14 1952 to 1959, she was the acting deputy Recorder of Deeds for the City of Providence; and

15 WHEREAS, Patricia Goodwin was a faithful communicant of Saint Patrick Church in
16 Providence, a member of the 1st Senatorial District Committee and the Saint Xavier Alumnae
17 Association, and an avid Red Sox Fan; and

18 WHEREAS, Patricia Goodwin will be fondly remembered as a generous and caring
19 person and for her warm hospitality at gatherings she hosted at her home during the holidays, and
20 in particular for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade celebrations at her home. She had a full life

1 as a nurturing wife and loving and guiding mother and grandmother; and

2 WHEREAS, Mrs. Goodwin will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and all who
3 knew her; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby offers its sincere condolences to Patricia Goodwin's husband,
6 Thomas, her daughters Maryellen, Sheila, and Maureen, her grandchildren Marygrace, Teresa,
7 John, and Liam, and her sister, Elizabeth; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to The Honorable Thomas N. Goodwin and
10 Family.

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