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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING OUR CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SOLANGE ANNE SULLIVAN

Introduced By: Senators Maher, Hodgson, Sosnowski, Walaska, and Jabour

Date Introduced: March 06, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Solange
2 Anne Sullivan, a woman who was deeply devoted to her family. Born eighty-seven years ago to
3 the late Joseph and Clara (Robidoux) Sauliner, Solange was the wife of the late William F.
4 Sullivan; and

5 WHEREAS, Our thoughts and hearts hold great empathy and sorrow for her family. We
6 grieve with her children, Cynthia Bousquet, W. Michael and his wife, Mary C. Sullivan, Patricia
7 and her husband, Stanley J. Lynch, and Pamela and Timothy Gaboury, and an "adopted"
8 daughter, Margaret E. Camara. She was the very proud grandmother of sixteen grandchildren:
9 James. P. Bousquet, W. Matthew Sullivan, Peter C. Sullivan, Bridget S. Sullivan, Katherine
10 Lynch, Meghan Lynch Ellis, Michaela Lynch, Justin Lynch, John Lynch, Robert Lynch, Jennia
11 Lynch, Andrew "AJ" Lynch, Matthew Lynch, Zachary and his wife, Trisha Gaboury, Seth
12 Gaboury, Spencer and his wife, Sarah Gaboury, and great grandmother of Connor; and

13 WHEREAS, Solange Anne Sullivan was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts on May 7,
14 1925, and raised in Falmouth, Massachusetts, where she was a 1944 graduate of Falmouth High
15 School. She continued her education and graduated from Framingham State Teacher's College in
16 1948, where she lettered in three sports: basketball, field hockey, and softball; and

17 WHEREAS, She was a teacher at St. Mary's Sacred Heart School for 22 years before
18 retiring in 1982. Mrs. Sullivan also found the time and energy to run Camp Farley, a 4-H summer
19 camp, in Mashpee for many years.

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan enjoyed knitting and woodworking and was a talented oil

1 painter and seamstress. She was also a longtime member of Sacred Heart Church where she was
2 a recipient of the Marian Medal; and

3 WHEREAS, Always thinking of others, Solange provided care for her mother and father
4 for many years in addition to being a dedicated mother; and

5 WHEREAS, A devoted wife, daughter, granddaughter, and great grandmother, Solange
6 will live on for many years to come in the memories of everyone fortunate enough to have been
7 touched by the quality of this remarkable woman; and

8 WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of
9 Solange, so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which she lived every day
10 of her life; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
12 hereby expresses our deepest sympathy to the entire Sullivan family on the passing of Solange.
13 She enriched the lives of all who knew her and will be dearly missed; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the family of Solange Anne Sullivan.

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