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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY C. O'BRIEN

Introduced By: Representatives Ajello, and Fox

Date Introduced: April 04, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Mary C.
2 O'Brien, a beloved cousin, a devoted friend, a dedicated educator, and a well-respected former
3 Deputy Superintendent of the Providence School Department; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Worcester, Massachusetts, Mary O'Brien was the daughter of the
5 late Leo O'Brien and Mary Elizabeth McGuiggan. She was a graduate of Classical High School,
6 and received her Bachelor's degree from Brown University and her Ph.D. in Education from
7 Boston University; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. O'Brien had a long and distinguished career in the Providence School
9 Department. In 1961, she began her career in education as a teacher in Providence's public
10 schools. She was named principal of the Dr. Martin Luther King Elementary School and was
11 eventually promoted to the position of Deputy Superintendent of Providence Public Schools, a
12 position she held until her retirement in 1990; and

13 WHEREAS, After leaving Providence, Ms. O'Brien began a new chapter of her life. She
14 served as Coordinator of Field Placement and Elementary Education at Salve Regina University
15 in Newport until she once again retired in 2000; and

16 WHEREAS, An avid traveler, Ms. O'Brien enjoyed visiting many parts of the world.
17 One of her favorites had been the rolling green hills and valleys of Ireland, where she had often
18 visited until the past few years; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. O'Brien was also a dedicated volunteer who used her many skills and
20 talents to the benefit of students and school administrations. She was a member of the boards of

1 both the San Miguel School in Providence and Bay View Academy in East Providence. She
2 enriched the lives of all who knew her and she will be greatly missed; now, therefore be

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
4 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Mary C.
5 O'Brien; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Monahan Drabble, Sherman Funeral Home.

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