

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013**

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARITE KOCH**

Introduced By: Senators Lynch, Gallo, Goodwin, Ruggerio, and Paiva Weed

Date Introduced: February 26, 2013

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1           WHEREAS, It is with the utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of  
2 Marite (Kelly) Koch, a woman whose greatest joy was found in the simple pleasure of spending  
3 time with her dear family. Born sixty-four years ago to the late Matthew and Audry (Delaney)  
4 Kelly, Marite was the wife of Peter A. Koch and was a life-long resident of Warwick; and

5           WHEREAS, Our thoughts and hearts hold empathy and sorrow for her family. We grieve  
6 with her children, Kelly Koch, Amy Koch, Kristen Koch, and Peter Koch, Jr. Marite also leaves  
7 two sisters, Patricia McManus and Maureen Longo, a brother, Dennis Kelly, fourteen nieces and  
8 nephews, and her grand dog, Maeby; and

9           WHEREAS, In addition to her parents, Marite was preceded in death by her brother,  
10 Michael Kelly; and

11           WHEREAS, Marite was raised in Edgewood and lived in Warwick for the past 40 years.  
12 Marite attended St. Mary's Academy-Bay View in East Providence and Regis College in Weston,  
13 MA. She was a communicant, former softball coach, and religious education teacher at Saint  
14 Gregory the Great Church; and

15           WHEREAS, Marite was well known for her quick wit and sense of humor. She enjoyed  
16 traveling, theatre, the arts, cooking, entertaining, the lake house, her book club, and spending time  
17 with her children; and

18           WHEREAS, Even though we are diminished by this loss and mourn the passing of  
19 Marite, so must we celebrate the spirit, generosity, and courage with which she lived every day of  
20 her life; and

1           WHEREAS, Our greatest tribute to Marite would be to emulate the attributes which made  
2 her an outstanding wife, mother, aunt, sister, and friend. Marite Koch will live on for many years  
3 to come in the memories of everyone fortunate enough to have been touched by the quality of this  
4 remarkable woman; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
6 hereby expresses our deepest sympathy to the family of Marite Koch at this time of tremendous  
7 loss and grief. She will be truly missed; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Peter A. Koch.

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