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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF NANCY STRAIN BELISLE

Introduced By: Representatives MacBeth, Phillips, Ackerman, Costa, and Shekarchi

<u>Date Introduced:</u> February 25, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the untimely passing of Nancy Belisle, devoted wife for twenty-five years to Cumberland American Little League 2 3 baseball coach David P. Belisle, and the very loving and beloved mother of four sons, Brendon, 4 Brian, James, and John; and WHEREAS, Nancy Belisle was a daughter of William and Gail Strain, and was the 5 cherished sister of Keri-Ann McLaughlin and her husband, Alan, William Strain and his wife, 6 7 Tara, Susan Guay and her husband, Paul, and Michael P. Strain. She was also the loving daughter-in-law of Bill and Yvette Belisle, sister-in-law to William Belisle, John Belisle and his 8 9 wife, Barbara, and Peter Belisle and his wife, Carolyn, and the doting auntie to many nieces and 10 nephews; and 11 WHEREAS, Dave Belisle, Nancy's husband, was a coach when she met him in 1986, and 12 from their first meeting, she knew it was special, and within two weeks, she knew he was the man 13 she would marry; and 14 WHEREAS, In August of 2013, Mrs. Belisle was diagnosed and thus began an intrepid 15 battle with colon cancer. From the outset, she courageously refused to let the cancer define her or 16 her life, and although those around her were always wholly supportive, she rebuffed sympathy and disallowed pity. Until the end, as she had been throughout her life, Nancy Belisle was a 17

WHEREAS, Nancy supported her husband and sons throughout their numerous sporting

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- 2 Despite her illness, and while undergoing chemo treatments, she watched and cheered the
- 3 Cumberland Little League team throughout their World Series run in the summer of 2014; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Nancy Belisle was a sweet and nurturing mom, a devoted and supportive
- 5 wife, and a shining star whose incredible love filled the lives and hearts of her family and many
- 6 friends. She brightened and enriched the lives of all around her, and she will be dearly missed
- 7 and forever remembered; now, therefore be it
- 8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
- 9 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our heartfelt condolences on the passing of Nancy
- Belisle; and be it further
- RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to David P. Belisle.

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