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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF PAULA ANDERSON

Introduced By: Senators Conley, Lombardi, Lombardo, Coyne, and Felag

Date Introduced: May 02, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Paula
2 Anderson, the cherished wife of Raymond E. Anderson, who was the love of her life and her
3 devoted chauffeur for fifty-six years, and the loving mother of Marc Anderson, Erika Augustyn
4 and her husband, Peter, Robert Anderson, and Crystal Garcia and her husband, Joseph of
5 Homestead, Florida. She was also blessed with and totally adored her twelve grandchildren,
6 Mike, Shawn, Kevin, Hannah, Stefan, Kailey, Justin, Christopher, Tateona, Dylan, Coleen, and
7 Brady, and three great-grandchildren, Kailey, Aiden, and Colin, as well as more than 30 beloved
8 foster children; and

9 WHEREAS, Paula Fortin was born in Providence, and grew up on Don Avenue. She was
10 the daughter of William and Anne Fortin, and the sister of Peter Fortin, who was not only her
11 brother, but also her matchmaker, as he had wisely introduced Paula to her future husband, Ray;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to making a wonderful and welcoming home for her family and
14 friends, Mrs. Anderson's boundless nurturing nature extended to those in need. She was the go-to
15 babysitter for half of the neighborhood, and was a founding member of the Coalition for the
16 Homeless and of Friends in Service to Humanity (FISH), as well as a habitual volunteer at the
17 Bread of Life Food Pantry. In addition, she coordinated relief for a family whose house burned
18 down, spent countless hours knitting caps for preemies at Women & Infants and mittens for
19 school children, and for many years, would send birthday cards to Newman Church Sunday
20 School members; and

1 WHEREAS, Paula Anderson's philosophy on life was simple, "Be kind, be caring, be
2 thoughtful, and be quiet when her soap opera was on." She was the official cheering squad at
3 countless dance recitals, little league games, school concerts, and soccer tournaments, and was
4 always "the calm in the storm" and the confidant in any crisis; and

5 WHEREAS, Officially, Mrs. Anderson was recognized for her dedicated efforts on
6 behalf of others as the recipient of the Rumford Grange Award and Coalition for the Homeless
7 Thank You Award. Unofficially, everyone who knew her, recognized and appreciated her
8 extraordinary love and devotion for anyone and everyone who crossed her path; and

9 WHEREAS, Paula Anderson was an utterly devoted wife, the kind of mother and
10 grandmother that every child deserves, a loyal and truly caring friend, and an inspiring mentor.
11 She left an indelible mark on the lives of those she knew and loved and she will be deeply missed
12 and always remembered; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
14 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire Anderson Family on the passing of their
15 beloved matriarch, Paula Anderson; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Raymond E. Anderson and Family.

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