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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019**

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**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LAURA RODRÍGUEZ**

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Diaz, Williams, Almeida, and Shekarchi

Date Introduced: January 03, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Laura  
2 Rodríguez, the loving wife of Moreno Rodríguez, devoted mother of Pedro Rodríguez, Carol  
3 Aguasvivas, Wendy Aguasvivas and Anna Rodríguez, and the cherished grandmother of Edelys,  
4 Edward, and Victoria; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in the Dominican Republic, Laura was a daughter of Aquino and  
6 Miladys Ramirez, and the loving sister of Armando González, Francia Peguero, Julio Rodríguez,  
7 Vilma Baez, and Raldy Ramírez. She resided in New York before moving to Providence in the  
8 late 1990s; and

9           WHEREAS, When first arriving in Providence, Mrs. Rodríguez worked as a hotel  
10 housekeeper and union organizer, and raised her family. Her remarkable talents as an organizer  
11 and her deep commitment to her community and social justice soon led to a lifetime advocating  
12 and fighting for some of Providence's most vulnerable and oftentimes forgotten residents; and

13           WHEREAS, Often referred to as the unofficial Mayor of South Providence or  
14 Providence's Godmother, Mrs. Rodríguez was deeply involved in the city's civic and political  
15 life. She started by organizing a youth leadership group that registered and mobilized voters  
16 during the 2002 election cycle, and later established the Community Angels, a movement that  
17 brought thousands of toys, winter coats, and smiles to needy children in the community each  
18 Christmas; and

19           WHEREAS, Laura and her husband, Moreno, operated a small appliance business on the  
20 South Side and their home was a warm and welcoming escape for those in need of assistance, a

1 good meal, a word of encouragement, or just a place to debate and share gossip; and

2 WHEREAS, Laura was a beloved mother, wife and grandmother, and a fierce advocate  
3 for her community. She was loved by many and respected by all who knew her. She will be  
4 dearly missed; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
6 Providence Plantations hereby extends deepest condolences on the passing of Laura Rodríguez;  
7 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 Mr. Moreno Rodríguez and Family.

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