

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JANET R. MCGOVERN

Introduced By: Senators Satchell, Ruggerio, Metts, Lombardi, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: March 19, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Janet R.
2 McGovern, the beloved wife of Stephen K. McGovern, Sr., for forty wonderful years, and the
3 cherished mother of Stephen McGovern, Jr. and his wife, Kristen, and Meghan Hall and her
4 husband, Derek; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. McGovern was a daughter of the late Joseph and Helen Colan, and the
6 loving sister of Carolyn Wheeler, and the late Joseph, Gary, and Robert Colan. She grew up in the
7 City of Providence and was a graduate of Hope High School; and

8 WHEREAS, With a loving personality, Mrs. McGovern created and nurtured a marriage
9 that flourished, and a home that was warm and welcoming. She doted on her family, particularly
10 her grandchildren Colin and Brendan McGovern, who were the light of her life; and

11 WHEREAS, In addition to making a wonderful home for her family, Mrs. McGovern
12 was a clerk with the Providence and Kent County District Courts for nearly twenty years, until
13 her retirement in December of 2018. She excelled at cooking delicious meals, was a discerning
14 shopper, played the lottery religiously, and enjoyed dinner with her girlfriends and the beach; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. McGovern had been diagnosed with cancer more than a decade ago.
16 For some people, that diagnosis may well have limited their joy for life, but not so for Janet. With
17 courage and the optimism of a pure heart, she fought her cancer the same way she lived her life,
18 with strong faith and commitment; and

19 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Janet McGovern, a loving wife, mother, grandmother,
20 and friend to many, left an indelible mark on the lives of those she knew and loved, and she will

1 be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the McGovern Family on the passing of Janet R.
4 McGovern; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Stephen K. McGovern, Sr., and Family.

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