

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

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**SENATE RESOLUTION**

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF JANICE D. MELE**

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Ruggerio, Lombardi, Archambault, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: April 24, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Janice  
2 D. Mele, beloved wife of the late John "Jay" Mele, who was the love of her life, and the cherished  
3 mother of Alicia Mele-Bendza and her husband, Irek, and Amanda Mele; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Mrs. Mele was the daughter of the late Vincent  
5 Acciaro and Gladys Rossi, and the dear sister-in-law of Robert and Donna Mele, Joseph and  
6 Kathy Mele, and Dante Mele; and

7           WHEREAS, With a loving personality, Mrs. Mele created and nurtured a marriage that  
8 flourished, and a home that was warm and welcoming. She doted on her family, particularly her  
9 grandchildren Olyvia, Landon, and Ella Jay, who were the light of her life; and

10           WHEREAS, A strong voice for children and education, Mrs. Mele served as the  
11 Chairwoman for the Johnston School Committee, and was also the librarian at St. Thomas School  
12 and was active with the St. Thomas PTA for many years before her retirement; and

13           WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Janice Mele, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and  
14 friend to many, left an indelible mark on the lives of those she knew and loved, and she will be  
15 dearly missed; now, therefore be it

16           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
17 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the Mele and Acciaro Families on the passing of  
18 Janice D. Mele; and be it further

1           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Alicia Mele-Bendza and Family, and Amanda  
3 Mele.

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