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IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MRS. MAVIS ESTRIANA
RANGLIN**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Kennedy, and Lima

Date Introduced: December 14, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the House Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Mavis Ranglin, affectionately known as “Mama” was born in
2 Snowden, St. Andrew, Jamaica on October 20, 1928. She was the daughter of the late Egbert
3 Walker and Lillian Mignott; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ranglin later lived in Llandwey, Jamaica, and attended Hagley’s Gap
5 Primary School. Unfortunately, she was forced to leave school in the 6th grade to help care for
6 her siblings. She later relocated to Kingston, Jamaica and became a domestic helper; and

7 WHEREAS, After moving to Bull Bay, Jamaica, Mrs. Ranglin became a member of
8 Mount Zion Baptist Church where she sang soprano and was a devoted member of the church
9 choir. It was in Bull Bay where she would meet her future husband, Eric Ranglin. They married
10 in 1963 and raised nine children, Pearline, Ephraim, Valrie, Burchell, Marcia, Basil, Donovan,
11 Desmond, and Lisa; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ranglin was an exceptional mother to not only her own children, but to
13 other children in her care, including her sister Violet, and to the five children of her sister Agatha,
14 Linneth, Loretta, Ann, Rudolph, and Desmond who was called Peter. Her husband worked hard
15 as a farmer, while she worked hard raising the children, and earned much-needed money by
16 selling fruits and vegetables from the family farm; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ranglin was passionate about the value and importance of education
18 her entire life. In 1963, she and her husband started an elementary school in front of their two
19 room home. Up until her passing, Mrs. Ranglin provided books and laptops to children in the Bull

1 Bay community; and

2 WHEREAS, After her husband Eric passed in 1982, Mrs. Ranglin moved to Rhode Island
3 in 1984 with her youngest daughter Lisa. Mrs. Ranglin found employment as a launderer at
4 Cardi's Nursing Center in Central Falls, where she loved the residents, worked tirelessly, and
5 hardly ever missed a day of work. She saved scrupulously in order to send food and clothes back
6 to her Jamaica homeland and to sponsor her other children to be brought to the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ranglin loved to cook and entertain, and particularly enjoyed hosting
8 Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners at home for her family and many friends. She had a
9 remarkable memory and was widely known as the "unofficial historian" for all things related to
10 Jamaica history and Ranglin family history. She continued to play a major role in the lives of her
11 children and extended family until suffering a stroke in June; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ranglin will be forever remembered by her loving family and
13 numerous friends in both the United States and Jamaica for her generosity of spirit and the
14 enormous love she gave to all who knew her and to anyone in need of a helping hand; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ranglin leaves behind her nine children, including the Honorable
16 Marcia Ranglin-Vassel, her thirty-nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and six great-
17 great grandchildren; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby expresses its deepest
19 condolences to the Ranglin Family on the passing of Mavis Estriana Ranglin; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Marcia Ranglin-Vassel and
22 Family.

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