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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SHIRLEY A. FORTE

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Lombardo, Lynch Prata, McCaffrey, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: January 15, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Shirley
2 A. Forte, beloved wife of the late S. Henry Forte for sixty-five years, the devoted mother of the
3 Honorable Michael Forte and his wife, Rebecca, Suzanne Doucette and her husband, Roland, and
4 Pamela Godfrey and her husband, Steven; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Warwick, Mrs. Forte was the daughter of the late James and Susan
6 O'Brien, and the sister of the late Burnside Mitchell, Robert O'Brien, Elmer O'Brien, James
7 O'Brien, Ida Heroux, Honora Neary, Virginia Mielke, and Barbara Kuhn. She was a graduate of
8 Pawtucket West High School and had attended Rhode Island Junior College; and

9 WHEREAS, With a loving personality, Mrs. Forte created and nurtured a marriage that
10 flourished and a home that was warm and welcoming. She doted on her family, particularly her
11 grandchildren. She was the loving "Gramma" of Brian Doucette and his wife, Rebecca, Gregory
12 Doucette and his wife, Dana, Megan Andrews and her husband, Jacob, Kaitlyn Godfrey, Michael
13 Forte, Jr., and his wife, Tricia, William Forte, Christopher Forte, and Cameron Forte, and the
14 "Gramma-the-Great" of Alexander and Connor Doucette, Henry, Benjamin, and Elise Doucette,
15 and Michael Forte, III, who were the lights of her life. She was also the aunt of Shirley Winslow,
16 and several additional nieces and nephews; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to making a wonderful home for her family, Mrs. Forte was
18 employed by the Cranston School Department at Horton School as a Teacher's Aide for more
19 than twenty years; and

20 WHEREAS, A woman of strong faith and commitment, Mrs. Forte was a devoted

1 parishioner of Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, where she taught Sunday School and was a
2 member of the Hope Circle. She had also served as a Girl Scout Leader for several years, was an
3 avid golfer and bowler, a member of the SeaGals Golf League at Woodland Greens Golf Course,
4 and of a bowling league at Mac's Bowl; and

5 WHEREAS, There is no doubt that Shirley A. Forte, a loving wife, mother, grandmother,
6 great-grandmother, and friend to many, left an indelible mark on the lives of those she knew and
7 loved, and she will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the Forte Family on the passing of Shirley A. Forte;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Honorable Michael Forte and Family,
13 Suzanne Doucette and Family, and Pamela Godfrey and Family.

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