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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE MARY CERRA

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Archambault, Ruggerio, Conley, and Algiere

Date Introduced: February 04, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with profound sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of  
2 Mary Cerra, the beloved wife of the late Fred Cerra, cherished mother of Denise Martino and her  
3 husband, Edward, doting grandmother of Anthony Martino and his wife, Vanessa, great-  
4 grandmother of Jake Martino and Anthony Martino, and a well-respected former member of the  
5 Rhode Island House of Representatives; and

6           WHEREAS, Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Mrs. Cerra was the devoted daughter of  
7 the late Alfonso and Concetta Iovino, and the loving sister of the late Frank Iovino, Palma Caprio,  
8 Louise Parrillo and Elvira Cooper. She was a graduate of Providence public schools and had  
9 taken courses at CCRI and the University of Rhode Island; and

10           WHEREAS, A hard working woman, Mrs. Cerra was the former owner-operator of  
11 Denise's Beauty Salon, served from 1971 through 1986 as a Johnston Welfare Director, and was  
12 actively involved in myriad organizations and community affairs for many years; and

13           WHEREAS, Mrs. Cerra began her distinguished years of public service as an elected  
14 Town Committeewoman, a title she held for 27 years. In 1987, she was elected as a Johnston  
15 Town Councilwoman representing District 1, and in 2000, she began serving in the Rhode Island  
16 House of Representatives from District 55, which later became District 42, representing  
17 constituents in portions of Cranston and Johnston; and

18           WHEREAS, Our thoughts and hearts hold great empathy and sorrow for the family of  
19 Mary Cerra. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who enriched  
20 the lives of all who knew her and she will be dearly missed in the community; now, therefore be

1 it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
3 hereby expresses its deepest sympathies on the passing of the Honorable Mary Cerra. She will  
4 forever be remembered by this Senate and the people of Rhode Island for her commitment to her  
5 community and the people of this state; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Denise Martino and Family.

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