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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BONNY LYNN RYAN

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Fogarty, Hull, Cortvriend, and Shallcross Smith

Date Introduced: March 30, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Bonny Lynn
2 Ryan, beloved wife of her husband, Gary for almost 48 years, the cherished mother of four
3 children, Erik and his wife, Christen, Jordan and his wife, Kate, Sean, and Hillary, and the doting
4 grandmother of five grandchildren, Cora, Kiley, Zachery, Everly, and Lola; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in the Bronx, New York, Bonny was the daughter of Lil and Jerry
6 Seamon. She majored in Medical Secretarial Science at Farmingdale College, and upon
7 graduation, was employed at the Waldemar Cancer Research Center on Long Island, developing
8 potential breakthrough cancer drugs; and

9 WHEREAS, In February of 1986, Mrs. Ryan, her husband and their four children, packed
10 up a U-Haul and headed to her dream home on Block Island via the ferry in Pt. Judith, which was
11 of course "canceled when they arrived"; and

12 WHEREAS, Quickly embracing island life, the family became the proud owners of a
13 hotel and restaurant. Mrs. Ryan also worked a myriad of jobs including school secretary, time at
14 the local library, and also working in the clerk's office of Town Hall; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition, utilizing her college degree, Mrs. Ryan became a valued
16 member and Captain of the Block Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad for thirty-one years;
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18 WHEREAS, Bonny Lynn Ryan was described by those who loved her "as a strong
19 woman with a tough exterior, but also with a kind heart, once she let you in." She will be dearly
20 missed on the island; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
2 extends deepest condolences on the passing of Bonny Lynn Ryan, and moreover joins her family
3 and friends in celebrating her life's many accomplishments; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Gary Ryan and Family.

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