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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALLENE RAMONA  
MAYNARD

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Diaz, Filippi,  
Fogarty, Ajello, Felix, Shallcross Smith, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: June 03, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with sincere sadness that this House has learned of the passing of  
2 Allene Ramona Maynard, beloved wife of sixty-two years to the late Richard Matthew Maynard,  
3 cherished mother of Kim Richelle Maynard, Tanya Maynard, and Richard Maynard Jr. and  
4 Cerena Reid, and the proud and doting grandmother of five grandchildren, Dominique Barnes and  
5 her husband, Ty, Diamond Maynard, Tyler Lewis, Kyle Spencer and Trinity Rucker, and two  
6 great-grandchildren, Laila and Landon Barnes; and

7           WHEREAS, Mrs. Maynard, fondly known as “Sister” by her family and many friends,  
8 was the daughter of the late Allen and Sarah Bonay, and the loving sister of Claire Lunsford and  
9 her husband, Eugene, and the late Blanche Taylor and Gloria Smith; and

10           WHEREAS, Upon graduation with honors from Central High School, Mrs. Maynard  
11 worked at the State of Rhode Island’s Department of Employment Security as a Clerk-  
12 Stenographer, and later as the Assistant to the Director of Gilbert Stuart High School. She  
13 subsequently joined the Providence Head Start Program working as the Career Development  
14 Coordinator and was awarded scholarships to attend Roger Williams University, where she  
15 received her Associate’s Degree, Magna Cum Laude, followed by her Bachelor’s degree, Cum  
16 Laude, in Public Service Administration and Political Science; and

17           WHEREAS, After earning her degrees, Mrs. Maynard became the Personal Assistant to  
18 then-General Treasurer of the State of Rhode Island, Anthony J. Solomon, and later worked as an  
19 Executive Administrative Assistant for the National Education Association and the Providence

1 American Newspapers. In addition, she was a Clerk in the Senate Majority Leader's Office, had  
2 worked as a State of Rhode Island Voter Registrar Agent, and was appointed by the Governor to  
3 the Rhode Island Commission on Criminal Justice; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong Democrat, for twelve years, Mrs. Maynard was elected as the  
5 Rhode Island Democratic State Committee Woman for House District 19, and served as a RI  
6 Democratic Party Executive Board member, Board Officer (Corresponding Secretary), and was a  
7 member of several committees. She also served as a Rhode Island Constitutional Delegate from  
8 1985 to 1986, and organized the Young Minority Democrats of RI; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Maynard's astute political insights were often sought by new and  
10 aspiring politicians. She utilized her wealth of knowledge and years of experience helping  
11 campaigns to plan strategies to fight injustice, racial inequality, and promote community change;  
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In addition, Mrs. Maynard hosted a television news program with Hank  
14 Bouchard, called Take 12, and was a member of the NAACP, the Urban League Guild of Rhode  
15 Island, serving as a Past President, was a member of the Prince Hall Masonic Temple family, a  
16 past Illustrious Commandress of the Daughter of Isis Constantine Court #8, Areme Chapter #3  
17 Order of the Eastern Star; and

18 WHEREAS, Allene Maynard possessed strength, courage, and a strong social  
19 conscience. She served as a role model and inspiration to many, and she will be dearly missed;  
20 now, therefore be it

21 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
22 extends its deepest condolences on the passing of Allene Ramona Maynard; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
24 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Kim Richelle Maynard, Tanya Maynard, and  
25 Richard Maynard Jr.

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