

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF THE HONORABLE  
AMA AMPONSAH

Introduced By: Senators Cano, and Kallman

Date Introduced: April 13, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the untimely passing  
2 of the Honorable Ama Amponsah, beloved wife of Isaac Amponsah, the cherished mother of  
3 Alethea Amponsah, Isaac Amponsah, Jr., and Germain Amponsah, and the newly elected and  
4 well-respected 5th Ward Pawtucket City Councilwoman; and

5           WHEREAS, Councilwoman Amponsah and her husband immigrated to the United States  
6 from Ghana in the early 1980s. She was a longtime resident of the Woodlawn neighborhood in  
7 the City of Pawtucket and attended the Community College of Rhode Island; and

8           WHEREAS, “Mama Ama”, as she was affectionately known by all, was the owner and  
9 operator of Ama’s Variety & Mini Mart, a mainstay in the community and a local gathering spot  
10 for the past thirty-two years; and

11           WHEREAS, Ama's belief was that she was "... blessed to have lived the American  
12 Dream, to come here as an immigrant, work hard, raise a family and own a successful business  
13 that serves my community’s needs”; and

14           WHEREAS, Councilor Amponsah's love for her neighbors and the community and her  
15 desire to help led to her decision to run for a seat on the City Council and her service for eight  
16 years as the Sergeant at Arms for the Pawtucket City Council gave her a unique understanding of  
17 the process; and

18           WHEREAS, In addition to her family and her time on the Council, Councilor Amponsah  
19 had been very active with volunteer work on numerous altruistic endeavors. She was a former

1 hospice volunteer, was on the St. Mary's Church Finance Committee, a St. Mary's Church Sunday  
2 School Teacher, and a member of the Diocese of Providence Pastoral Council and the Pawtucket  
3 Prevention Coalition; and

4 WHEREAS, Described by her neighbors as a "superwoman" and "beloved", Councilor  
5 Amponsah surely left Pawtucket a far better place because of her life's endeavors, and her  
6 integrity and determination enriched the lives of all who knew her and set a standard for  
7 excellence in public service that is an inspiration to us all. She will be dearly missed; now,  
8 therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest  
10 sympathies on the passing of the Honorable Ama Amponsah; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Isaac Amponsah and Family.

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