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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY F. WORTHY

Introduced By: Senator Melissa A. Murray

Date Introduced: May 18, 2021

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Mary
2 F. Worthy. She was born in Newberry, South Carolina, the daughter of the late Bertha Worthy
3 and the late Luther Perry Jeter, and was proceeded in death by her siblings Mary H. Huber, Willie
4 Mae Lutz, Freddie Worthy, James Worthy, Eugene Cook and Collie Jeter; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Worthy was proud of her country roots, and spent time in Boston,
6 Brooklyn, Philadelphia and other parts of the east coast before she settled in Woonsocket with her
7 daughter and grandchildren. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, sister and friend who
8 worked tirelessly to provide for her loved ones; and

9 WHEREAS, For many years, Ms. Worthy was a food service worker with the
10 Woonsocket School Department and was always a joy to be around. Her colleagues and the
11 school kids adored her and looked forward to the many smiles, laughs, words of wisdom and
12 love, uplifting greetings and every day encouragement she would dollop out with the food and
13 beverage she gave the children; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Worthy was a woman of deep faith. She was an active member of St.
15 James Baptist Church, where she served on the Usher Board, the Missionary Society, and was a
16 Primary Sunday School Teacher. In her free time, Ms. Worthy enjoyed nothing more than
17 spending quality time with her grandchildren and her many friends; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Worthy is survived by two children, Lieutenant Colonel Sharon
19 Harmon and Thomas Worthy and his wife, Latunga. She is also survived by her siblings, Sarah
20 Taylor, Barbara Jean Jeter, Patsy Sims, Mary Jeter, Jackie Jeter, Thomasina Worthy, Ramai Jeter

1 and Sammy Graham. She also leaves behind her grandchildren, Marcus Harmon, Valerie
2 Harmon, Tiauni Worthy, and Tiauri Lindler, Goddaughter Chandra Dean, sisters-in-law
3 Thomasina Suber and Betty Suber, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The loss of Mary Worthy is grievous but the immense love she gave to her
5 family and friends and her always joyful and compassionate spirit will live on forever in the
6 hearts of all who were blessed to know her; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest
8 condolences on the passing of Mary F. Worthy; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel Sharon Harmon and
11 Thomas Worthy.

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