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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CLAIRE MADONNA
SMITH

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kennedy, Ackerman,
McNamara, Fenton-Fung, O'Brien, Edwards, Casey, and Corvese

Date Introduced: January 11, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Claire
2 Madonna Smith, the beloved wife for fifty-eight years to the Honorable Matthew J. Smith, former
3 Speaker of the Rhode Island House of Representatives; and

4 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was the daughter of the late Maurice and Doris Crepeau, sister
5 of Normand and Paul Crepeau and the late Ronald Crepeau-Cross, and sister-in-law of Rose Ellen
6 Reynolds. She was an honors graduate of St. Claire's High School in Woonsocket and had been
7 employed for many years as a skilled phlebotomist at St. Joseph Hospital; and

8 WHEREAS, For many years, Mrs. Smith created a home that was both warm and happy
9 and artistically beautiful. She doted on her children, Matthew and his wife, Donna, Andrew and
10 his wife, Amy, Daniel and his wife, Karalyn, and Kathleen and her husband, Matthew. She was
11 also blessed with nine grandchildren, Ryan, Declan, Cormac, Owen, Kieran, Abigail, Kristiana,
12 Daniel, and Marie Claire, who affectionately called her "Good Memere" in honor of her French-
13 Canadian heritage; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Smith was devoted to her faith and had served the Catholic community
15 at St. Matthew School and Church, St. Francis Chapel, and the Church of St. Augustine, where
16 she taught CCD to elementary school children. In addition, she was a strong advocate for
17 "conscientious and compassionate" care for the elderly; and

18 WHEREAS, The most fitting tribute to Claire Smith would be a celebration of her life
19 and the woman she once was. A woman who had enjoyed cross-country skiing, traveling,

1 painting and drawing, and a woman who lived each and every day fully and joyfully, and was
2 fortunate to have always had the total love and support of her husband and family; now, therefore
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
5 expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Claire Madonna Smith. She will be joyfully
6 remembered and dearly missed; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit duly a certified copy of this resolution to The Honorable Matthew J. Smith and Family.

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