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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF MEAGHAN MCGONAGLE

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Solomon, Bennett, Amore,
Vella-Wilkinson, Shanley, McNamara, Potter, and Baginski

Date Introduced: January 11, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sorrow that this House has learned of the untimely passing of
2 Meaghan McGonagle, the cherished mother of Liam and Amelia, a devoted daughter and sister,
3 an inspiring teacher, a dedicated and compassionate coach, and a legendary athlete; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in the City of Providence, "Meg" as she was affectionately known by
5 her family, was the devoted daughter of Michael and Priscilla McGonagle, the loving sister of
6 Maura Brown and Michael McGonagle, and the aunt of Ellie, Stephen, Marykate, Maggie, Jack,
7 Cornelius, Kendrick, Brooklynne, Lauren, and Evan. She also leaves her former husband,
8 Matthew Holmes, and his parents, Jerry and Mary Holmes; and

9 WHEREAS, Meg grew up in the City of Warwick, and attended Pilgrim High School,
10 where her athletic prowess became renowned on a state-wide level and her jersey, # 41, still
11 hangs in the school's gym. She was All-State in volleyball and basketball, still holds the all-time
12 leading scorer title for Girls' Basketball, and was the Warwick Beacon Athlete of the Year in
13 1998; and

14 WHEREAS, Continuing her education and athletic accomplishments, Meg earned a
15 Bachelor's degree in business and education from Siena College in Loudonville, New York,
16 where she was a two-time captain of the Division I Siena College Women's Basketball team, that
17 in 2001, won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championship; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2006, "Ms. McGonagle" as she became known in the school community,
19 joined the faculty of the Cranston Public School Department as a business teacher, most recently
20 at Cranston High School East, where in addition to teaching, she had served as coach of the

1 Thunderbolt Boys and Girls Volleyball teams. As both a teacher and a coach, she guided,
2 prodded, and encouraged her students to continuously strive to achieve, resulting in the Girls'
3 Volleyball team attaining an undefeated season and the school's first ever volleyball State
4 Championship, leading the Boy's team to an undefeated season and winning another State
5 Championship, and earning Meg the honor of being named the Rhode Island Interscholastic
6 League Coach of the Year for Girls and Boys Volleyball; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to her coaching at Cranston East, Meg had previously been the
8 DECA coordinator at Cranston High School West, and had served as a basketball and volleyball
9 coach at Guilderland High School in Guilderland, New York; and

10 WHEREAS, Meaghan McGonagle will forever be remembered as a loving mother, a
11 great athlete and coach, and for her "little acts of kindness," her ability to include everyone in her
12 caring circle, and for helping students to believe in themselves. She was truly "not only a great
13 coach but a great person" and she is deeply missed; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
15 extends heartfelt sympathy to the family and the Cranston East community on the passing of
16 Meaghan McGonagle; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Liam Holmes, Amelia Holmes, and Michael
19 and Priscilla McGonagle.

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