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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SHIRLEY L. ZDANUK

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Cortvriend, Shekarchi, Blazejewski,
Chippendale, McGaw, Kennedy, Costantino, Lima, and Edwards

Date Introduced: January 19, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Shirley L.
2 Zdanuk, the beloved wife of the late MMCM Anthony Zdanuk, Sr., USN, Ret., for fifty-eight
3 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Shirley Zdanuk was born into a large and loving family in Shelton,
5 Connecticut, a daughter of the late Alfred and Genevieve Cotnoir. She was the sister of Barbara
6 Nimmons, Prudence Hayden, Marsha Pettingill, Lauren Chirgwin, and the late Walter and
7 Norman Cotnoir, and Joyce Guliuzza; and

8 WHEREAS, An exceptional student who graduated early from Shelton High School,
9 Mrs. Zdanuk married the love of her life, Tony, and together, while traveling the country due to
10 Tony's military career, they raised five children, Anthony Zdanuk Jr., Stash Zdanuk, who is
11 married to Corinne, Darrell Tremblay, who is married to Roger, Janice Ferreira, who is married to
12 Joseph, and Kristin Wisner. Over the years, she was also blessed with eleven grandchildren:
13 Gretchen Barron, Richard Zayatz, Danielle Tremblay, David Zayatz, Jonathan Tremblay, Peter
14 Ferreira, Alan Zdanuk, Michaelina Zdanuk, Nicholas Zdanuk, Randi Zdanuk, and Arianna
15 Zdanuk, as well as nine great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Zdanuk was an avid history buff who took pride in having visited
17 forty-nine states and her ancestral family lands in Scotland and Nova Scotia. She enjoyed,
18 excelled, and had been a champion on Jeopardy. She was the owner of Gretchen's Garden Florist
19 in Portsmouth and spent many years devoted to her community, as co-chair of the 350th
20 celebration for the Town of Portsmouth, and as President of the Portsmouth Garden Club; and

1 WHEREAS, In addition to her efforts in the community, Mrs. Zdanuk volunteered
2 numerous hours working to honor the military including being a driving force behind the Beirut
3 Marine Memorial in Portsmouth; and

4 WHEREAS, Shirley Zdanuk was renowned for her delicious apple pie and her love of
5 Eddie Arnold songs. She was a beloved wife, mother, and grandmother who served her
6 community and our country's veterans with devotion and she will be dearly missed by all who
7 had the good fortune to be a part of her life; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
9 extends deepest condolences on the passing of Shirley L. Zdanuk; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Anthony Zdanuk Jr., Stash Zdanuk and Family,
12 Darrell Tremblay and Family, Janice Ferreira and Family, and Kristin Wisner.

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