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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARY JO POULIOT

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Lauria, Britto, F. Lombardi, Zurier, LaMountain, and
Burke

Date Introduced: January 11, 2024

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Mary Jo
2 Pouliot, the cherished wife of Raymond Pouliot for fifty-three years; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Long Beach, California, Mrs. Pouliot was the daughter of the late
4 Daniel and Mary Shea, and the sister of Patricia Bailey and her husband, Scott, Margaret
5 MacGilpin and her husband, Greg, and Daniel Shea. She was also the beloved aunt to many
6 nieces and nephews; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pouliot was a wonderful and caring English Teacher at Gallagher
8 Middle School in Smithfield for thirty-five years. She possessed a passion for teaching and
9 education, and always looked for and brought out the best in her students, colleagues, and all
10 those who shared her life; and

11 WHEREAS, For six years, Mrs. Pouliot had also coached the Gallagher Middle School
12 Girls' Basketball Team, who under her guidance, had won the State Championship during that
13 period; and

14 WHEREAS, Always there for anyone who needed her help or someone to listen, Mrs.
15 Pouliot inspired her students, a number of whom later returned to the Smithfield School system
16 and became her colleagues; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Pouliot was a dedicated union leader and member of NEA Smithfield
18 and the National Education Association Rhode Island. She had also served as President of the
19 NEA Rhode Island Children's Fund, and after retiring, became involved with the NEA Rhode
20 Island Retired group, ultimately serving as President; and

1 WHEREAS, An avid reader, Mrs. Pouliot also enjoyed traveling with her husband and
2 cruising with their friends, particularly to the sunny Caribbean; and

3 WHEREAS, Mary Jo Pouliot touched the lives of so many people and her legacy will
4 forever live on in the generations of students she inspired, and in the hearts of the family she
5 loved; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby extends deepest
7 condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Mary Jo Pouliot; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Raymond Pouliot and Family.

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