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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ANN MARIE RASPALLO

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Corvese,  
Newberry, Kennedy, McNamara, Ackerman, Fellela, and Serpa  
Date Introduced: March 20, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House of Representatives has learned of the  
2 passing of Ann Marie Raspallo. She was the beloved wife of Deacon Thomas R. Raspallo for  
3 nearly 60 years; and

4           WHEREAS, Ann Marie Raspallo was born in Providence, on June 10, 1943, the daughter  
5 of the late James and Carmella Peters. Mrs. Raspallo was a devoted wife and mother who created  
6 a warm, loving and nurturing home for her husband, and the children they raised together; and

7           WHEREAS, In 1965, she married the love of her life, Deacon Thomas Raspallo, and  
8 together they formed a perfect team, totally devoted to each other. Together, they were  
9 inseparable, and especially enjoyed traveling together be it frequent trips to New Hampshire, and  
10 travelling every fall to Florida with her surviving siblings and their spouses, albeit by car to  
11 Virginia and then the train the rest of the way because she did not like to fly. Nothing brought  
12 more happiness to Mrs. Raspallo than spending time with her family; and

13           WHEREAS, Ann Marie Raspallo was a devout Catholic and a devoted servant of the  
14 Lord. She was a dedicated parishioner and communicant of Immaculate Conception Church in  
15 Cranston since 1977. In her time as a parishioner, she taught First Communion classes for many  
16 years, served with her husband Thomas as the married couple for weekend retreat experiences,  
17 ran a parish fundraiser, and coordinated the end of year dance for numerous years. Mrs. Raspallo  
18 also served as a chaperone and volunteer for Confirmation Retreat weekends for approximately  
19 ten years, and was a member of the Rosary and Altar Society group for many years. Her greatest  
20 accomplishment and joy came from serving as a Eucharistic Minister for 40 years; and

1           WHEREAS, Mrs. Raspallo was an extraordinarily warm, thoughtful and generous  
2 woman. She enjoyed attending all of her grandchildren’s sporting events, dance recitals, band  
3 performances, awards and graduation exercises, martial arts exhibitions and anything to do with  
4 her grandchildren, relished the family’s weekly dinner get-togethers where she would amaze and  
5 delight her guests with her incredible cooking abilities. She also took great pleasure in Christmas  
6 shopping all year round for her children and grandchildren; and

7           WHEREAS, Mrs. Raspallo was deeply admired by all who knew her for her kind,  
8 compassionate and loving personality. Mrs. Raspallo made a positive difference in the lives of all  
9 who knew and loved her and will forever live strongly in their hearts and memories; and

10           WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Thomas, Ann Marie Raspallo leaves behind her  
11 children, Maria Ann Raspallo Brown and her husband, Deacon Scott Brown, Thomas S. Raspallo  
12 and his wife, Jaclyn, the Honorable Richard D. Raspallo, Rhode Island Superior Court Judge who  
13 was the long-time Chief Legal Counsel to the Rhode Island House of Representatives, and James  
14 M. Raspallo and his wife, Kate, and her grandchildren, Matthew and Jacob Brown, Thomas,  
15 James, Michael, Ava, Teagan, Domenic, and Annabel Raspallo, and the late Gianna Raspallo.  
16 Ann Marie Raspallo was the sister of James Peters, and Maureen Raspallo, and the late David and  
17 Louis Peters; now, therefore be it

18           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
19 expresses its deepest condolences to the Raspallo Family on the passing of Ann Marie Raspallo;  
20 and be it further

21           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to her beloved husband, Deacon Thomas R.  
23 Raspallo, and Family.

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