

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHARLENE C.  
CONNORS

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, Felag, Tikoian, Sosnowski, Ciccone, Bissailon,  
LaMountain, Lawson, Britto, and Gu

Date Introduced: January 28, 2025

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Charlene  
2 Connors, the cherished mother of former Rhode Island Senator, the Honorable Daniel Connors  
3 and his wife, and our valued colleague, Meghan Connors, and Michael Connors and his wife,  
4 Michele. In addition, she was blessed with five grandchildren, Lily, Charlotte, Tatum, McKenna,  
5 and Mikey, Jr.; and

6           WHEREAS, Born and raised in the City of Pawtucket, Mrs. Connors was the daughter of  
7 the late Charles and Isabelle Rainey, and the sister of Nancy Salisbury, Barbara Kiernan, and the  
8 late Lois Jackson. She was also the beloved aunt of several nieces and nephews, and was a  
9 longtime resident of the Town of Cumberland; and

10           WHEREAS, Mrs. Connors received her Bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode  
11 Island, and her Master's degree from Providence College. She had been employed as an  
12 elementary school teacher for the Cumberland School Department for thirty-three years until her  
13 retirement in 2004. Upon retiring, she received her Master of Divinity graduate-level degree from  
14 Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; and

15           WHEREAS, A woman of unwavering faith and devotion to God, Mrs. Connors inspired  
16 all around her. She taught Bible studies with a group of her friends, and also enjoyed spending  
17 time outdoors, taking daily walks, and always foremost in her heart, spending time with her  
18 family; and

19           WHEREAS, Mrs. Connors was lovingly described by her many friends as a woman who

1 inspired all who knew her, and as a woman who set an example of living fully and trusting that  
2 God's goodness would always remain a guiding light; and

3 WHEREAS, A quiet, soft-spoken, and incredibly kind and patient woman, Charlene  
4 Connors leaves a legacy of unwavering determination and joy, and she is dearly missed by all  
5 who shared her glorious and inspirational life; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses deepest  
7 sympathy to the family of Charlene C. Connors; 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 the Honorable Daniel P. Connors and Family.

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