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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF NAYASIA A. GONZALEZ

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Tikoian, Zurier, Dimitri, Famiglietti, Euer, Gallo, Gu,  
Appollonio, and Felag  
Date Introduced: January 20, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island mourns the tragic and untimely passing of  
2   Nayasia A. Gonzalez, a vibrant young woman whose life was taken far too soon on November  
3   29, 2025; and  
4           WHEREAS, Nayasia Gonzalez was just nineteen years old at the time of her passing and  
5   was an innocent bystander in a senseless act of violence, a loss that has deeply shaken her family,  
6   friends, and the broader community; and  
7           WHEREAS, Born in Providence, Rhode Island, Nayasia was the cherished daughter of  
8   Raisa Gonzalez and Iryan J. “Jerome” Aubert, and a beloved sister, granddaughter, godmother,  
9   and friend whose presence brought joy, laughter, and light to those around her; and  
10          WHEREAS, Nayasia was a proud graduate of Shea High School and the Rhode Island  
11   Alternative Academy, Class of 2024, and went on to attend the Community College of Rhode  
12   Island, where she pursued her dream of becoming a nurse, inspired by her deep desire to help and  
13   care for others; and  
14          WHEREAS, In speaking about her desire to become a nurse, Nayasia shared words that  
15   reflected her resilience, compassion, and calling to serve others, stating: “I grew up around  
16   doctors, either for me or my family members, because we were going through some traumatic  
17   stuff; I know I wanted to give up. But I know now I want to help others like people have helped  
18   me”; and  
19          WHEREAS, A gifted and passionate artist, Nayasia was a competitive dancer with  
20   Dancin Spirit Performing Arts, excelling in lyrical, contemporary, and tap dance, and was also a

1 remarkably talented contortionist whose performances captivated audiences; and

2 WHEREAS, Nayasia generously shared her talents as a mentor at AS220 Performing  
3 Arts Center, teaching dance to children and serving as a role model through her creativity,  
4 discipline, and kindness; and

5 WHEREAS, Her energy and athleticism extended beyond the arts, as she proudly served  
6 as a cheerleader for the Central Falls Panthers, participated as a skilled tumbler, and played  
7 basketball in the Ralph J. Holden League; and

8 WHEREAS, Nayasia was also deeply committed to service and community, volunteering  
9 with Shoot for Hope and spreading positivity through her actions, her humor, and her  
10 unforgettable greeting of “Hey Girl!” that so many will carry with them always; and

11 WHEREAS, A person of faith, Nayasia was an active member of St. Joseph’s Church in  
12 Pawtucket, where her warm smile, gentle spirit, and kind heart touched many within the parish  
13 community; and

14 WHEREAS, Nayasia is survived by her parents, Raisa Gonzalez and Iryan J. “Jerome”  
15 Aubert; her siblings, Kevin Gonzalez, Kierra Baptista, Jayleanna Sanchez, Jerlaiza Gonzalez,  
16 Iryan Aubert II, and Renzell Aubert; her grandmother, Maria Gonzalez; her godmother,  
17 Jacqueline Aubert; her godson, Rajah J. Gonzalez; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends  
18 who will forever cherish her memory; and

19 WHEREAS, Nayasia was preceded in death by her grandparents, Ruddy Acosta, Lenny  
20 Page, and Gloria Lopes; and

21 WHEREAS, Through this resolution, the name of Nayasia A. Gonzalez shall be  
22 permanently recorded in the official proceedings and archives of the Rhode Island General  
23 Assembly, ensuring that her life, her story, and her legacy will endure as part of the history of this  
24 state; and

25 WHEREAS, Though her time with us was far too brief, Nayasia A. Gonzalez lived with  
26 creativity, compassion, and love, leaving an indelible mark on her family, her community, and all  
27 who had the privilege of knowing her; now, therefore be it

28 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby honors and  
29 remembers the life of Nayasia A. Gonzalez, expresses its deepest condolences to her family, and  
30 affirms that her name and legacy will forever live on in the recorded history of the State of Rhode  
31 Island; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
33 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Raisa Gonzalez and Iryan J. “Jerome” Aubert,

1     and to such other members of the family as may be appropriate.

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