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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N

**CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE
PASSING OF CARRIGAN MCCORRIE-RAINE NELSON**

Introduced By: Senators Ujifusa, Euer, Mack, Appollonio, Raptakis, Zurier, DiPalma,
Urso, Murray, and DiMario

Date Introduced: January 22, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Carrigan
2 McCorrie-Raine Nelson, the beloved daughter of Tammy and Paul Nelson, a devoted sister, niece
3 and cousin, and a fierce supporter of myriad charitable causes and childhood cancer awareness;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Carrigan courageously fought a seven-year battle with Osteosarcoma, which
6 for some people, may well have limited their joy for life or their ambitions, but not so for
7 Carrigan. With a strength that belied her youth, and the optimism of a pure heart, she fought her
8 cancer the same way she lived her life, with gusto, positivity, and courage; and

9 WHEREAS, A truly gifted musician, Carrigan attended the Bristol Music Academy,
10 where she studied voice, piano, and music, and in 2019, she graduated from the MMVS
11 Contemporary Recording Artists Program; and

12 WHEREAS, Never holding back on her goals, Carrigan employed her musical talents,
13 volunteering and performing at many local and national venues, entertaining and supporting
14 altruistic endeavors and awareness for childhood cancers; and

15 WHEREAS, During her all too short time on this earth, Carrigan had earned a blackbelt
16 and was a gold medalist in Taekwondo, and was honored with a panoply of distinctions
17 including, singing the National Anthem for the Boston Red Sox Jimmy Fund Radio Telethon,
18 Beach Idol Winner, Celebration of Music Producer's Choice Winner, Newport NAACP Role
19 Model of the Year, Newport Daily News Youth Leader Award, RI's Honorary Miss Outstanding

1 Teen, and the 2025 RI Communities Choice "Person of the Year" Award, to name but a few of
2 her outstanding achievements; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2025, Carrigan was recognized with the 2025 RI Communities Choice
4 "Person of the Year" Award, and her hometown and the State Legislature proclaimed, "Cancer
5 Warrior Day" and "Carrigan Nelson Day" in her honor; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to her parents and brother, Carrigan leaves behind her musical
7 partner, Steve Rodrigues, Aunt Bonnie and Uncle Rodney, her cousin, Warren Moniz, and her
8 extended family, Mr. Toffee and Malibu, her loving dachshunds, her partner and childhood
9 friend, Aidan McDonald, her dear friends, Hannah Nasser, Deaven Piermont, Madison Quinn,
10 Shelby Matthews, Mary Jane (MJ) Milici, and countless close friends, chosen family, and a
11 legion of admirers; and

12 WHEREAS, Carrigan's talents were abundant, her warm and caring demeanor made her
13 a joy to be around, and her determination in the face of adversity was inspirational. She enriched
14 the lives of all who knew her and she is dearly missed; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses deepest
16 sympathy on the passing of Carrigan McCorrie-Raine Nelson; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Tammy and Paul Nelson.

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