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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARGARET M. OTTMAN

Introduced By: Senators Thompson, Murray, Mack, Appollonio, Raptakis, DiPalma,  
Ujifusa, Zurier, Urso, and DiMario  
Date Introduced: January 22, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of  
2 Margaret M. Ottman of Bellingham, Massachusetts. She was the beloved wife of the late H.  
3 Raymond “Ray” Ottman for 39 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Margaret Ottman was born in Schenectady, New York in 1927, the daughter  
5 of the late Charles and Isabella Gibson. Mrs. Ottman was a skilled professional who worked  
6 tirelessly to provide for her family and loved ones. She worked at the Schenectady Army Depot  
7 from 1944 to 1965, where she met her husband, and she worked from 1965 to 1982 at the United  
8 States Army Natick Research Laboratories Military Personnel, retiring after 38 years of  
9 distinguished Federal Government Civilian Service; and

10 WHEREAS, In her retirement, she learned to make quilts and became quite skilled at  
11 making them. Her quilts were lovingly made for her family and many friends as well as  
12 generously donated to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp. She also spent many years quilting with  
13 the Glockner women and later with the Bellingham Senior Center; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ottman was known to all as “Nana” as she devoted her life to loving  
15 and taking care of her husband, children, siblings, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She  
16 will be remembered as a beacon of joy, warmth, and generosity and she will be sorely missed by  
17 all who knew her; and

18 WHEREAS, Margaret Ottman leaves behind her daughter Nancy Phillips, and her  
19 husband, the Honorable Rhode Island State Representative Robert Phillips, her grandchildren,  
20 Cindy Ottman Sweet and her husband, Joseph, Steven Ottman, and Matthew Phillips, as well as

1 her great-grandchildren, Selena Sweet, Douglas Sweet, Skylar Ryan, Devin Phillips, Garrett  
2 Ottman, Lukas Ottman and her great-great-grandchildren, Bebhionn Lynn Downer and Maggie  
3 Sweet. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Margaret Ottman was predeceased  
4 by her husband, H. Raymond Ottman, her children, Linda Ottman and Douglas Ottman, her  
5 grandson, Timothy Phillips, and her brother, Charles Gibson; now, therefore be it

6         RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest  
7 condolences on the passing of Mrs. Margaret M. Ottman; 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 Nancy Phillips and Family.

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