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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF SISTER LORRAINE
MACPHERSON, SUSC

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Lombardi, Gallo, Metts, and Felag

Date Introduced: January 30, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Sister
2 Lorraine MacPherson, SUSC, (Sr. Therese Joseph), a resident of Jeanne Jugan Residence; and

3 WHEREAS, Born in Lynn, Massachusetts, Sr. Lorraine was the daughter of the late
4 Robert and Ida MacPherson, and the sister of the late Robert MacPherson. She is survived by her
5 Holy Union Sisters, and her sister-in-law, Lorraine MacPherson, a niece, nephew, grandniece and
6 grandnephew; and

7 WHEREAS, Sr. Lorraine grew up in Chelsea, where she met the Holy Union Sisters
8 while attending Assumption School. Upon graduation, she entered the Holy Union Sisters and
9 pronounced her final vows on July 26, 1958; and

10 WHEREAS, After studying at Sacred Heart Teacher Training School, Sr. Lorraine
11 attained her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Catholic Teachers' College, and her
12 Master's degree in Religious Education from St. Michael College in Vermont. She continued her
13 studies in religious education at Emmanuel College and Cardinal Stritch College; and

14 WHEREAS, From 1952 through 1970, Sr. MacPherson taught in elementary schools
15 staffed by the Holy Union Sisters in both Massachusetts and Rhode Island. In addition, she
16 became coordinator of religious education programs in several parishes in Central Falls and
17 Pawtucket for many years; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1997, Sr. MacPherson became a pastoral bereavement minister at Keefe
19 Funeral Home in Lincoln, and brought communion and led the rosary to housebound residents at

1 Forand Manor, where she resided; and

2 WHEREAS, Due to failing health, in April of 2016, Sr. MacPherson moved to Jeanne
3 Jugan Residence where she visited other residents and prayed with them; and

4 WHEREAS, Sister Lorraine MacPherson was a kind and gentle soul who has left this
5 world a far better place because of her life's work. Her devotion uplifted and enriched the lives of
6 all who knew her, and her compassion was boundless and an inspiration to us all; now, therefore
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Sister Lorraine MacPherson, SUSC;
10 and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Lorraine MacPherson and Family.

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