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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF VIOLET BARRACKS

Introduced By: Representatives Ranglin-Vassell, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Amore,
Carson, Speakman, Chippendale, Filippi, Kislak, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: May 18, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the tragic passing of Violet
2 Barracks, the beloved mother of Andrea Silva and her husband, John, Denise Whitley and her
3 husband, Daniel, Kiplin Clemetson and his wife, Grizzel, and Nicole Harris; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Kingston, Jamaica, Ms. Barracks was a daughter of the late Egbert
5 Walker and Lillian Walker, and the loving sister of Hubert Walker, Claire Brown, and the late
6 Lincoln Walker, Joanne Dixon, Amos Walker, and Mavis Ranglin; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to her children, Ms. Barracks was blessed with ten
8 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews, including our colleague,
9 the Honorable Marcia Ranglin-Vassel; and

10 WHEREAS, Ms. Barracks graduated from Bull Bay All Age School in Jamaica. She
11 moved to Rhode Island in 1972, where she would then sponsor her older sister, the late Mavis
12 Ranglin and her teenage daughter, Lisa. She lovingly made Providence, Rhode Island, her home
13 for the next fifty years until her passing; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Barracks was a woman with a caring and "beautiful spirit." In her early
15 career, she worked at General Electric and later as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Evergreen
16 Nursing & Rehabilitation until her retirement; and

17 WHEREAS, Fondly called "Junel, Auntie Violet, and Miss Violet" by her family and
18 many friends, she was a fun loving, down to earth person who enjoyed cooking, baking, doing
19 word search puzzles, dancing, gardening, travel, and life in general; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Barracks cared deeply for those she left behind in Jamaica, she would

1 return frequently to her native country to bring clothing, gifts and other necessities to her family
2 and friends; and

3 WHEREAS, Violet Barracks was blessed with a wonderful sense of humor, a quick wit,
4 and a close family, many friends, and extended family who adored her, and she is dearly missed
5 by all; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
7 extends deepest condolences on the passing of Violet Barracks; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Andrea Silva and Family, Denise Whitley and
10 Family, Kiplin Clemetson and Family, Nicole Harris and Family, and the Honorable Marcia
11 Ranglin-Vassel and Family.

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