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

**EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MOLLY FALCONER
DE RAMEL**

Introduced By: Senators Euer, and Pearson

Date Introduced: January 03, 2022

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that the Senate has learned of the untimely passing
2 of Molly Falconer de Ramel, the beloved wife of Guillaume Henry de Ramel; and

3 WHEREAS, Molly Falconer de Ramel was born in Washington, DC, the oldest child of
4 Allan Ackerman of Chicago and Abigail King, AIA, of Jamestown, Rhode Island. Ms. Falconer
5 de Ramel grew up in Arlington, Massachusetts, and attended Shady High School in Cambridge,
6 Massachusetts, where she excelled in both academics and athletics. In high school, she was the
7 Captain of the squash team, was the Massachusetts State Champion and ranked top ten nationally
8 in Extemporaneous Speech, and was the first woman to be the Editor of the Milton Paper; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Falconer de Ramel proceeded to attend Harvard where she graduated
10 Magna Cum Laude and was a John Harvard scholar. Upon graduation, she embarked on a
11 prestigious television broadcasting career. She initially excelled at the smaller cable stations and
12 drew the attention of the large, national networks, where she proceeded to make her mark as an
13 anchor and reporter in the New York City market for several years, the biggest media market in
14 the nation. In recognition of her insightful and poignant reporting of the 9/11 tragedy, she was
15 honored with an Emmy Award; and

16 WHEREAS, After meeting and marrying the love of her life, Guillaume, Molly moved
17 with him to start a family and begin a new career journey. She accepted a position to head Brown
18 University's media relations department before she decided to found and lead Periwinkle
19 Worldwide, a leading executive coaching firm. Within the business world, Molly soon became a

1 trusted advisor, highly sought-after-coach, and teacher of leadership skills and practices to
2 numerous executives, many of whom lead organizations that are household names throughout the
3 globe; and

4 WHEREAS, Molly had a special knack for translating the essence of a book to a child or
5 client. She played a significant role in her husband Guillaume’s political career, providing
6 insightful advice and crisp and concise editing. A childhood friend said of Molly, “She had
7 complete clarity in her understanding of people, places and of complex relationships. This made
8 her a sharp and successful journalist and a savvy businesswoman”; and

9 WHEREAS, Molly devoted much of her free time in service to important charities and
10 cultural institutions. She served as a Director or Trustee of the Redwood Library, St. Michaels
11 Country Day School, the Boys & Girls Club, RhodySquash, and the Belmont Foundation. She
12 was deeply interested her entire life in literature, history, education, and helping disadvantaged
13 children; and

14 WHEREAS, The most important things in Molly’s life was her family. She was a loving,
15 devoted and caring wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend. The shining light of excellence and
16 compassion she left behind will be long remembered by her family and many friends; now,
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, Molly Falconer de Ramel leaves behind her husband, Guillaume, and her
19 children Charles and Elizabeth. She also leaves behind her mother, Abigail, her father and
20 stepmother, Allan and Martha, her mother-in-law Elizabeth Prince, and her brother, Samuel
21 Ackerman, and his wife Jaqueline Lagrange Ackerman, and their two children, Autumn Alethe
22 Ackerman and Samuel John Ackerman; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest
24 condolences to the Falconer de Ramel family on the passing of Molly Falconer de Ramel; and be
25 it further

26 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
27 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Guillaume Henri de Ramel and Family.

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