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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

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

**EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF MARIE ELIZABETH
CUSTER**

Introduced By: Representatives O'Neill, Fox, Mattiello, Martin, and Serpa

Date Introduced: January 03, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the untimely passing
2 of Marie Elizabeth Custer, beloved wife of Armand Lefevbre, and predeceased by her former
3 husband of thirty-five years, Dr. John Custer. Mrs. Custer was the devoted mother of Anastasia
4 Custer and her partner, Jason Pezzullo, Rebecca Townsend and her husband, Thomas, and Kerry
5 Feather and her husband, Thomas. She was also the loving grandmother of Thomas, Charles,
6 Benjamin, Campbell, and Flannery; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Pawtucket, Mrs. Custer attended the College of Saint Elizabeth,
8 attaining her Bachelor's degree in History. She also received certificates from Rhode Island
9 College and had been a teacher for more than forty years; and

10 WHEREAS, Marie Custer's loving personality created and nurtured a marriage that
11 flourished and a home that was warm and welcoming. She had a full and wonderful life, doting
12 on her family, cheering on her favorite sports teams, gardening, and traveling. She was also an
13 enthusiastic and humane animal lover and an active board member of Saint Patrick Church; and

14 WHEREAS, A patient and caring nature made Marie Custer the kind of mother and
15 grandmother that every child needs and deserves. Her consideration and thoughtfulness
16 enveloped her large extended family with whom she had enjoyed a special closeness, including
17 her brother, James, her stepchildren, and her nieces and nephews, one of whom is our friend and
18 colleague Representative J. Patrick O'Neill; and

19 WHEREAS, Marie Custer was the heart and soul of her family. Her kindheartedness and

1 sincerity will forever be indelibly imprinted on the lives and in the cherished memories of her
2 entire family. She enriched the lives of all who had the good fortune to have known her and she
3 will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the entire and extended Custer
6 and O'Neill families on the passing of Marie Elizabeth Custer. She will be forever remembered
7 as a devoted wife, loving mother, proud grandmother, and a true and gentle soul; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mr. Armand Lefevbre, Ms. Anastasia Custer,
10 and The Honorable J. Patrick O'Neill.

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