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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF ALICE VIOLA

Introduced By: Senators E O'Neill, Ruggerio, Ciccone, Archambault, and Nesselbush

Date Introduced: March 27, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Alice
2 Viola, wife of the late Anthony Viola, Jr., for 56 years, and mother of the late Richard Viola,
3 Sr. She is survived by her daughter-in-law Rosemary Viola, and was the loving grandmother of
4 Richard Viola, Jr., and his wife, Juliet, James Viola and his wife, Michelle, and Thomas Viola,
5 and Laura Viola. She was the very proud great grandmother of three great-grandchildren, Juliet,
6 Florence, and Gregory, and also leaves behind her beloved friend and confidant, David Carbone;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Born and raised in the City of Providence, Mrs. Viola was the daughter of
9 the late Dr. Romeo and Laura Natal, and sister of the late Thomas Natal. She was a graduate of
10 Classical High School and had attended Lincoln Chiropractic College; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Viola was the owner of Alice Viola Properties of North Providence
12 and had previously owned and maintained several properties in the town and also in the City of
13 Providence. For 17 years, she had been a reporter for The Echo, where she wrote a column on
14 numerous topics, and had authored numerous books and a collection of poems on love,
15 relationships, and religious related topics; and

16 WHEREAS, Devoted to the community, Mrs. Viola was a life member of the American
17 Heart Association, the Home Builders Association, Federal Hill House, the Rhode Island
18 Foundation, the Rhode Island Historical Society, Bishops Council, Friends of the Handicapped,
19 Fatima Hospital, the International Poetry Hall of Fame, and the International Library of
20 Photography; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Viola was also a devout Catholic, whose faith was evident in all she
2 did. She was a generous contributor to St. Anthony Church and Food Ministry, and had
3 volunteered myriad hours for the Association of the Blind, Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Francis
4 Chapel, and the Rhode Island Hospital Guild; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Viola had been the recipient of numerous awards and was elected to
6 the Poetry Hall of Fame, but she was perhaps most proud of the Alice Viola Breast Care Center at
7 Fatima Hospital. As a cancer survivor, she knew firsthand the needs of women undergoing breast
8 cancer treatment and wanted to create a place that would combine the multiple facets of care and
9 support that they would need. In addition, she also contributed to refurbishing the hospital
10 chapel, construction of the surgical center, and numerous other hospital renovations; and

11 WHEREAS, Alice Viola was a pioneer for women's rights, an astute businesswoman, a
12 consummate humanitarian, an activist, an author, and a poet. She was beloved by her family,
13 admired by her friends, and committed to making this world a kinder place. She will be dearly
14 missed; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
16 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Alice Viola; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Rosemary Viola and Family, and Mr. David
19 Carbone.

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