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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CHARLOTTE RICHARDSON

Introduced By: Senators Paiva Weed, Algieri, Ruggerio, Goodwin, and Metts

Date Introduced: March 31, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Charlotte Richardson, the beloved wife of Victor C. Richardson for sixty-eight years, and a well-
3 respected resident of the Town of Jamestown; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, Charlotte Richardson was the
5 daughter of the late Charles and Mary Smith, and the sister of three brothers, Albert Smith,
6 Charles Smith, and the late James Smith; and

7 WHEREAS, Charlotte Richardson's warm personality created and nurtured a marriage
8 that flourished, and a home that was warm and welcoming. She doted on her four daughters and
9 her sons-in-law, Karen Richardson, Gaelyn Bunker and her husband, Wayne, Kim Whittenhall
10 and her husband, Wayne, and Pam Jarret; and

11 WHEREAS, Mrs. Richardson was the kind of grandmother that every child needs and
12 deserves. She loved spending time and enjoyed painting and reading to grandchildren, Jennelle
13 Goodburn and her husband, David, Marisa Grondin and her husband Jimi, Lucien Jarret and his
14 wife, Kim, and Elena Hughes and her husband, Steve, and her nine great-grandchildren. She also
15 enjoyed playing the piano and accordion, particularly for the summer Conanicut Yacht Club
16 Youth Group and for the residents of the Forest Farm Nursing Home; and

17 WHEREAS, In addition to her family life, Mrs. Richardson had been employed as an
18 expert bookkeeper in Providence and later with New Visions in Newport. She subsequently
19 retired as the Executive Director of the Jamestown Senior Center after twenty-two years of
20 service; and

1 WHEREAS, Always very active in the community, Mrs. Richardson was the first
2 Republican woman elected to the Jamestown Town Council, where she served her constituency
3 for many years. She was also a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary, the Business
4 and Professional Women's Association, Jamestown Chapter, and was a member and served on the
5 board of the Conanicut Grange and Pomona Grange, and was a member and served as secretary
6 of the Beavertail Lighthouse Museum Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Charlotte Richardson was the beloved matriarch of her family and an
8 esteemed member of the community. She enriched the lives of all who had the good fortune to
9 have known her, and she will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
11 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Charlotte Richardson; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Karen Richardson, Gaelyn and Wayne Bunker
14 and Family, Kim and Wayne Whittenhall and Family, and Pam Jarret.

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