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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF STEPHANIE OGIDAN  
PRESTON

Introduced By: Representatives Williams, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Filippi, Diaz, and  
Batista

Date Introduced: June 30, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House has learned of the passing of  
2 Stephanie Ogidan Preston of Providence. She was the devoted wife of Shane Preston and the  
3 cherished mother of Aliyah, Trinity and Madison Preston. Mrs. Preston was the daughter of  
4 Richardson and Jacqueline Thomas Ogidan and the granddaughter of the late Mary Thomas and  
5 Clara Ogidan; and

6 WHEREAS, From her earliest days, Mrs. Preston was passionate about the importance of  
7 education. She attended Community Preparatory School and graduated from Moses Brown. She  
8 continued her education at the prestigious Duke University, graduating with a Bachelor of  
9 Science degree in Economics and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. Mrs. Preston was also an  
10 accomplished athlete at Duke where she was a member of the Duke Track & Field Team,  
11 throwing the shot put. As one would expect, she was a loyal and passionate supporter of the Duke  
12 Basketball teams and was a long-time interviewer for the Duke Admissions Team; and

13 WHEREAS, After graduating from Duke, Mrs. Preston returned to Rhode Island and  
14 while raising her family, she graduated from MIT's Sloan School of Management. At the time of  
15 her unfortunate passing, Mrs. Preston was serving as the Director and Chief of Staff to the CFO  
16 for Takeda Pharmaceuticals USBU, in Lexington, Massachusetts; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Mrs. Preston always took the time to serve her local  
18 community and the State of Rhode Island. She volunteered in support of many nonprofit  
19 organizations and government boards, including the Moses Brown School and the Rhode Island

1 Public Transit Authority. She also served as the Chair of the Board of Directors for College  
2 Visions. Mrs. Preston also took great joy in leading her daughter's soccer team as its volunteer  
3 coach; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition to her husband and three daughters, Mrs. Preston leaves behind  
5 her sisters, Kemi Tignor and her husband, Jeffrey, and Kari Hadden and her husband,  
6 Christopher. She also leaves behind her nephews, Corey Hadden and Henry Thomas Tignor, and  
7 a niece, Kyra Hadden; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
9 expresses its deepest condolences to the Preston Family on the passing of Stephanie Ogidan  
10 Preston; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Shane Preston and Family.

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