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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

SENATE RESOLUTION

**EXTENDING CONDOLENCES AND RECOGNIZING THE 400,000 AMERICANS WHO
HAVE PASSED AS A RESULT OF COVID-19**

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Ruggerio, McCaffrey, Goodwin, Gallo, Ciccone, Cano,
Lawson, Felag, and Quezada

Date Introduced: January 19, 2021

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Nearly one year after the nation's first confirmed case of Covid-19, the
2 United States has surpassed 400,000 Covid deaths and 23.3 million cases, the highest in the world;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In Rhode Island, more than 2,000 loved ones have been lost to this
5 devastating virus; and

6 WHEREAS, These losses have shattered our sense of predictability and fairness, and
7 have eclipsed our belief that we could protect our children, our elderly, our loved ones; and

8 WHEREAS, On January 19, 2021, on the eve of their inaugurations, President-elect
9 Joseph R. Biden Jr. and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris will attend a virus memorial event to
10 honor the lives lost during the coronavirus pandemic; and

11 WHEREAS, At the event, four hundred lights will be illuminated along the perimeter of
12 the Lincoln Memorial reflecting pool, with each light representing 1,000 Americans who have
13 died of COVID-19; and

14 WHEREAS, The emotional toll, communal grief, and economic devastation of this
15 disease on families, communities, and our nation will be forever etched in the hearts of all
16 Americans and in the history of the world; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby joins all Americans in
18 recognizing the 400,000 Americans who have passed because of Covid-19, and prays for the
19 success of President-elect Biden's primary goal to get the pandemic under control; and be it

1 further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to members of the Rhode Island Congressional
4 Delegation.

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