

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF NANCY L. DERRIG

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Shekarchi, Blazjewski, Batista, J Lombardi,  
Hull, Ajello, Williams, Diaz, and Kislak

Date Introduced: March 03, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deepest condolences that this House has learned of the passing of  
2 Nancy L. Derrig, former Superintendent of Parks for the City of Providence, and the devoted wife  
3 of the late Richard Derrig for fifty-three years; and

4 WHEREAS, Nancy Derrig was born in Newark, New Jersey, to the late Angelina  
5 Albergato and Aniello Laudati. She attended Keene Teachers College before moving to  
6 Providence with her husband as he pursued his doctorate degree at Brown University. After a  
7 brief period teaching, Mrs. Derrig chose to be a stay-at-home mom for several years before re-  
8 entering the workforce, serving in the Rhode Island Governor's Energy Office, the Rhode Island  
9 Attorney General's Office, and as an Executive Director of Providence 350; and

10 WHEREAS, Mrs. Derrig was named the Superintendent of Parks for Providence in 1985,  
11 a position she held until 2003. Under her leadership, guidance and direction, sweeping changes  
12 and improvements were made to the City's parks and playgrounds, with numerous increased  
13 recreational opportunities being created for Providence's residents. She also revitalized Roger  
14 Williams Park by increasing its community education outreach and introducing important  
15 conservation plans. Her innovative ideas, tireless work ethic, and charismatic personality were  
16 qualities that were appreciated and admired by all of her peers; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Derrig's first priority in life was always her family. In addition, she  
18 and her husband were avid travelers who loved exploring different places around the globe; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Derrig leaves behind her children, Matthew Richard Derrig, and Jill  
20 Derrig Rossi and her husband, Peter. She also leaves behind her granddaughter, Tess Angela

1 Rossi, her brother, Niel Laudati and his wife, MaryAnn, and her many nieces and nephews,  
2 Barbara Laudati Rose, Niel Laudati, Patricia Derrig Murphy, Donna Derrig Murphy, Robert  
3 Derrig, Jean Derrig, Karen Derrig Swider and Michael Derrig. She was predeceased by her  
4 nephew, Jason Derrig; now, therefore be it

5           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
6 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Nancy Derrig; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
8 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution Matthew Richard Derrig and Jill Derrig Rossi.

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