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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PATRICIA A. PAOLANTONIO

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, McNamara,
Fellela, Corvese, Serpa, Donovan, Phillips, and Speakman

Date Introduced: May 09, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Patricia
2 "Patsy" Paolantonio. She was born in Bristol, Connecticut, the eldest daughter of the late Joseph
3 and Anne Browne, and had lived in Johnston for more than fifty years; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of Rhode Island College, Ms. Paolantonio was a widely beloved
5 and outstanding teaching professional for four decades, teaching a varied level of ages from Pre-
6 K through adult education classes; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Paolantonio's distinguished teaching career began when she accepted a
8 position as a social studies teacher at Calef Middle School in Johnston. She continued her career
9 at Johnston High School where she eventually retired after 35 years of public service as an
10 Administrator of the English, Social Studies and Foreign Language Departments; and

11 WHEREAS, After retirement, Ms. Paolantonio continued her work in education at Saint
12 Pius V School serving as a librarian, before becoming the school Principal. She concluded her
13 exemplary teaching career working with adult education students; and

14 WHEREAS, In her free time, Ms. Paolantonio loved to cook and mastered the artistry
15 and science of cooking for and entertaining loved ones at holiday time. She was also passionate
16 about reading and was committed to learning something new every day of her life. She also
17 enjoyed travelling, golfing, and spending time seaside with her family and many friends; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Paolantonio was the devoted mother and mother-in-law of David John
19 and Ashley Paolantonio, and grandmother to Jordan Marie and Jayde Olivia Paolantonio. She
20 also leaves behind her sister, Andrea Richardson, and was the beloved aunt of Anne Spinelli,

1 Patricia Connor, Michael Chippendale, and William Chippendale. She was predeceased by her
2 sister, Eleanor Chippendale; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
4 expresses its condolences on the passing of Patricia A. Paolantonio; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to David John Paolantonio and Family.

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