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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARGARET E. KANE

Introduced By: Representatives Handy, Boylan, Knight, Tanzi, Fogarty, Kennedy,
Cortvriend, Chippendale, Shekarchi, and Blazejewski

Date Introduced: January 10, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deepest sadness that this House has learned of the passing of
2 Margaret E. Kane. Born in Hornell, New York, she was the daughter of the late James "Ted" and
3 Louise Belle Kane, and the sister of the late James "Jimmy" Kane. She grew up in upstate New
4 York and later moved with her family to Bradenton, Florida, where she attended high school, and
5 is fondly remembered as being "the most sought-after classmate" at her class reunion; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Kane was a graduate of Florida State University, where she established
7 an outstanding athletic career, which eventually earned she and her teammates, certificates as
8 members of the first FSU women's team to be All-Americans for their accomplishments on the
9 1969 Track and Field team; and

10 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Florida State University, Ms. Kane moved to Rhode
11 Island where she briefly taught in North Attleboro before beginning her long and illustrious
12 career with the American Lung Association in Rhode Island, ultimately rising to the position of
13 Executive Director; and

14 WHEREAS, Also active with the American Lung Association nationally, Ms. Kane was
15 a Past President of the Congress of Lung Association Staff (CLAS), and with a positive attitude,
16 passion and commitment to health, became very involved with supporting health education in
17 Rhode Island schools and public health awareness and advocacy; and

18 WHEREAS, Ms. Kane made her home in the Town of Barrington and became an integral
19 and contributing member of the community, serving as a member of the Republican Town
20 Committee, Chairperson of the Barrington Senior Services Advisory Board, and was involved

1 with many East Bay real estate firms. She was also very active in Providence Rotary, the
2 Providence Rotary Charities Foundation, was an alumna of Leadership Rhode Island, and served
3 as President of Operation Clean Government; and

4 WHEREAS, Ms. Kane was the cousin of Christine Caferelli and family, had many, many
5 friends from around the country and an extensive adopted family in the United Kingdom
6 including Jan Long and her beloved goddaughter, Annie Webb, and was a dear friend to her
7 Ogunquit and Wells, Maine, housemate of 47 years, the late Jean MacCorison, and Molly Clark
8 who was with her at the end; and

9 WHEREAS, Margaret Kane was a memorable personality and a good-hearted soul, who
10 was filled with wit and humor, an infectious laugh, and fabulous stories of silly and wild
11 escapades. She was a beloved and treasured friend to all who had the joy of being part of her life
12 and she is dearly missed and forever remembered; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
14 extends deepest condolences on the passing of Margaret E. Kane; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Christine Caferelli and Family, Jan Long,
17 Annie Webb, and Molly Clark.

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