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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF CAROL F. DOHERTY, RN

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Marszalkowski, Chippendale,  
Costantino, McEntee, Noret, Cardillo, DeSimone, and Casey

Date Introduced: February 27, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this House has learned of the passing of Carol F.  
2 Doherty, RN, of Cumberland and formerly of Taunton. Mrs. Doherty was the beloved wife of the  
3 late Dr. Edward J. Doherty, DDS, who had a thriving dental practice in Attleboro for many years;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Taunton, Carol Doherty was the daughter of the late Taunton Police  
6 Detective John Flynn and the late Margaret Flynn. She was the sister of the late John Flynn; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Doherty was a graduate of St. Mary's High School and the Morton  
8 School of Nursing. She studied at the graduate level at Boston University, Simmons College and  
9 McGill University and had a long and distinguished career as a nurse, working at Boston City  
10 Hospital, Boston Children's Hospital and other hospitals in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. She  
11 was a contributing member of the World Health Organization and saved numerous lives during  
12 the polio epidemic thanks to her training in the use of the iron lung; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Doherty leaves behind her children, retired Wrentham District Court  
14 Clerk-Magistrate Edward Doherty and his wife, Joanne, and Colonel Brendan Doherty, retired  
15 Rhode Island State Police Superintendent, and his wife, Michele. She was predeceased by her  
16 son, Christopher Doherty, co-owner of the 19th Hole Tavern in Hyannis. Mrs. Doherty is also  
17 survived by her grandchildren, Matthew Doherty and his wife, Kristin, Christine Ehlers, RN, and  
18 her husband, Dan, Shelby Matzell and her husband, Evan, and Kaitlin Wirth and her husband,  
19 Jonathan, and her great-grandchildren, Brayden, Jack and Quinn Doherty, Adalyn, Lucy and Rose  
20 Ehlers, Ryan and Cavan Matzell, and Joseph and Molly Wirth; and

1           WHEREAS, Mrs. Doherty was a hard-working woman who always put her family first in  
2 her life and strove daily to provide for her loved ones. She was kind and generous but was also  
3 strong and determined. At the age of 93, she defeated the COVID-19 Virus and did so again at a  
4 later date. Mrs. Doherty was a shining star whose beacon burned brightly within the lives of her  
5 family and many friends, and she will forever be remembered in the hearts and minds of all who  
6 knew and loved her; now, therefore be it

7           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
8 expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Carol F. Doherty; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Edward Doherty and Colonel Brendan Doherty.

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