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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF MAUREEN
AZAR

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Pearson, P Fogarty, Ottiano, and Lombardo

Date Introduced: February 12, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with utmost sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of
2 Maureen Azar, a devoted and beloved daughter and sister, and a dedicated teacher and
3 administrator; and

4 WHEREAS, Growing up in Central Falls, Maureen was the daughter of Joan Azar and
5 the late Louis Azar. She was the loving sister of Joanne Diggle, and the proud and adoring aunt
6 of her niece, Ashley Diggle. She sadly also leaves her partner, John Plaskon of New York; and

7 WHEREAS, To the immense good fortune of many a student, Maureen began her career
8 in education in 1985, as an elementary physical education teacher. She continued her education,
9 earning her administration degree and in 2001, was soon appointed Principal of Feinstein
10 Elementary School, and in 2008, was named Principal of Ella Risk Elementary School; and

11 WHEREAS, Always busy and on the go, Maureen had also worked as the assistant
12 recreation director in Central Falls for many years and had been a long time employee of Macy's
13 Department Store. She loved photography and traveling the globe, and was an avid animal rights
14 supporter and was a fitness enthusiast; and

15 WHEREAS, The most fitting tribute to Maureen Azar would be a celebration of her life,
16 a life in which each and every day was lived fully and joyfully embraced. She was fortunate to
17 have always enjoyed the total love and support of her family, and in return, she brightened and
18 enriched the lives of all around her. She will be dearly missed and forever remembered; now,
19 therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby expresses our heartfelt condolences to the entire Azar Family on the passing of Maureen
3 Azar; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mrs. Joan Azar and Family.

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