

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MARTHA TORRADO

Introduced By: Senators Cano, Ruggerio, Metts, Lawson, and Lombardi

Date Introduced: March 05, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Martha
2 Torrado, beloved wife of the late Luis Torrado, M.D., and cherished mother of six children, Pilar
3 Tasca and her late husband, Christopher, Luis Torrado and his wife, Lisa, Jaqueline and her
4 husband, Jeffrey Baron M.D., Rafael Torrado and his wife, Sandra, Alexander Torrado, and her
5 very special son John Paul Torrado; and

6 WHEREAS, Martha Cielo Reyes de Torrado was born in Bogotá, Colombia, the last
7 surviving child of eleven siblings born to Rafael and Agripina Reyes Acuña; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Torrado earned a degree from the Royal Conservatory of Music, where
9 she majored in Opera and Classical Piano. Upon returning to Colombia, she became involved in
10 numerous philanthropic endeavors including being a founding member of the National YWCA
11 and the Physicians' Families Association for disadvantaged children; and

12 WHEREAS, As the only female contestant, Mrs. Torrado acquired national attention
13 after her appearance on a popular televised game show in Colombia, where she won in the area of
14 the evolution of fashion through history and art; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1970, the Torrados immigrated to Rhode Island, eventually settling in the
16 City of Cranston, where they became active members in the local Hispanic community; and

17 WHEREAS, Combining her business acumen with a love for traveling, Mrs. Torrado
18 founded a Spanish-American Travel agency that specialized in student study abroad programs;
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20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Torrado was an active member of the Chopin Club and hosted

1 numerous gatherings at her home but her true devotion in life was caring for her son, John Paul.
2 She was also the loving grandmother of twelve grandchildren, Eliana, Jacklyne, Christopher and
3 Nicholas Tasca, Stephanie, Luis C., Andrew and Christian Torrado, Veronica and Gabriela
4 Baron, and Sofia and Lucas Torrado. She was also blessed with two beautiful great-
5 grandchildren, Grace and Jack Bulman, and was the cherished aunt of Maria Tateosian, Elisa
6 Waid, Paulina Paez and numerous nieces and nephews and their families overseas; and

7 WHEREAS, With grace and elegance, Martha Torrado left an indelible mark on the lives
8 of those she knew and loved, and she will be dearly missed; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
10 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies to the Torrado Family on the passing of Martha
11 Torrado; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Pilar Tasca, Luis Torrado, Jaqueline Baron,
14 Rafael Torrado, Alexander Torrado, and John Paul Torrado.

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