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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF SHARON COTTER, EMT-P, RN,
FNP

Introduced By: Senator Gordon E. Rogers

Date Introduced: April 24, 2019

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Sharon Cotter, EMT-P, RN, FNP, passed away on April 8, 2019, with her
2 devoted husband, Tim, at her side; and

3 WHEREAS, Sharon Cotter was born in Providence, a daughter of the late Helen Walsh.
4 She joined the United States Air Force after graduating high school and served as a medical
5 specialist. While serving, she attained a Bachelor's degree in Biology and took numerous nursing
6 and medical classes which prepared her for a career as a medical professional; and

7 WHEREAS, After completing her military service obligations, Mrs. Cotter worked for
8 the Providence Journal as a District Manager for many years. During this period, she obtained a
9 Medical Technician License, and volunteered much of her free time in service to the North
10 Kingstown Ambulance Corps, which later became Exeter Rescue, and Swansea Ambulance
11 Corps, and with the Town of Foster after becoming a resident; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1991, Mrs. Cotter became a Registered Nurse after graduating from the
13 Saint Joseph School of Nursing. She started her career with Kent County Memorial Hospital,
14 working in the Intermediate Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. She furthered her education by attaining
15 a Bachelor's degree in Nursing from Rhode Island College and a Master's degree as a Family
16 Nurse Practitioner from Quinnipiac University in 2004; and

17 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotter's passion for helping people led her to join the Rhode Island
18 Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) and the Rhode Island Medical Reserve Corps
19 (MRC), and she deployed many times to all parts of our nation to assist people who were harmed

1 by natural disasters including Hurricane Katrina. She also helped to conduct annual flu vaccines
2 in Foster and the surrounding communities; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotter loved her adopted Town of Foster, where she volunteered on the
4 town's rescue for nearly thirty years, serving for twelve years as the Commander of the Rescue.
5 Additionally, she wrote numerous grants in order to obtain advanced equipment, and educated
6 and trained EMTs and taught CPR; and

7 WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Mrs. Cotter leaves behind her brother Dennis
8 Walsh and was the niece of the late Robert Brown; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cotter was a devoted wife and cared deeply about her family, her
10 many friends, her community, her patients, and last but not least, her beloved dogs. She made a
11 difference in the world and her love and compassion for people will live on in the hearts of all
12 who knew and loved her; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode and Providence Plantations hereby
14 expresses its deepest condolences to the Cotter Family on the passing of Sharon Cotter; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Tim Cotter and Dennis Walsh.

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