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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF BEVERLY A. SODERBERG

Introduced By: Senators Lynch Prata, Ruggerio, Morgan, Conley, and Rogers

Date Introduced: May 28, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Beverly Soderberg, the devoted wife of Dr. Clarence Soderberg, Jr., for  
2 fifty-four years, passed away on May 19, 2019; and

3           WHEREAS, Mrs. Soderberg graduated from Killingly High School in Connecticut and  
4 furthered her studies at the University of North Carolina, where she attained a Bachelor's degree  
5 in Physical Education. Athletics were a vital part of her life, and she was an exceptionally  
6 talented athlete, especially in basketball and tennis. Early in her distinguished career, she coached  
7 basketball at Staples High School in Connecticut and compiled a sterling record of achievement,  
8 including winning a State Championship Title; and

9           WHEREAS, Mrs. Soderberg served as the President of the Warwick Heights Tennis Club  
10 for twenty-two years. In recognition of her many years of devotion and service to the Club, the  
11 "Bev Soderberg Pavilion" was named in her honor. She was also very active at the Tennis RI  
12 West Bay location, running the women's color teams for more than a decade; and

13           WHEREAS, Mrs. Soderberg served for many years as the President of the Warwick  
14 Figure Skaters where she significantly increased their membership, making it the third largest  
15 skating club in the United States. In recognition of this extraordinary achievement, and in honor  
16 of her many other civic service endeavors, she was awarded the key to the City of Warwick; and

17           WHEREAS, Throughout her life, Mrs. Soderberg was the ideal wife and mother and was  
18 involved in all facets of her children's lives. In the summer, the Soderberg home and pool were  
19 the place to be for neighborhood kids to swim, play wiffle ball, ping pong, basketball, and get  
20 served ice cream every day at 3:00 PM. She was also a talented gardener who maintained

1 gorgeous gardens, an ardent scrabble player, and loved going to the beach; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to her husband, Mrs. Soderberg leaves behind her children,  
3 Leslie Soderberg Deiss and her husband, Jeffrey, Eric Soderberg and his wife, Kathryn, and Kurt  
4 Soderberg and his wife, Elizabeth. She is also survived by her six grandchildren, Jeffrey and  
5 Caroline, Eric and Ellie, and Zachary and Gregory, and her twin brother, David Dorman. She was  
6 predeceased by her brother, Dr. Brian Dorman; and

7 WHEREAS, Mrs. Soderberg bequeathed a sterling record of athletic accomplishments  
8 and a lifetime of abiding love for her family. Her passing is a grievous loss but she will live  
9 forever in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved her; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
11 hereby expresses its condolences to the Soderberg Family on the passing of Beverly Soderberg;  
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transfer a duly certified copy of this resolution to Dr. Clarence H. Soderberg, Jr., and Family.

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