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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF LAURA RODRÍGUEZ

Introduced By: Senators Quezada, Conley, Metts, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: January 23, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Laura
2 Rodríguez, the loving wife of Moreno Rodríguez, devoted mother of Pedro Rodríguez, Carol
3 Aguasvivas, Wendy Aguasvivas and Anna Rodríguez, and the cherished grandmother of Edelys,
4 Edward, and Victoria; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in the Dominican Republic, Laura was a daughter of Aquino and
6 Miladys Ramirez, and the loving sister of Armando González, Francia Peguero, Julio Rodríguez,
7 Vilma Baez, and Raldy Ramírez. She resided in New York before moving to Providence in the
8 late 1990s; and

9 WHEREAS, When first arriving in Providence, Mrs. Rodríguez worked as a hotel
10 housekeeper and union organizer, and raised her family. Her remarkable talents as an organizer
11 and her deep commitment to her community and social justice soon led to a lifetime advocating
12 and fighting for some of Providence's most vulnerable and oftentimes forgotten residents; and

13 WHEREAS, Often referred to as the unofficial Mayor of South Providence or
14 Providence's Godmother, Mrs. Rodríguez was deeply involved in the city's civic and political
15 life. She started by organizing a youth leadership group that registered and mobilized voters
16 during the 2002 election cycle, and later established the Community Angels, a movement that
17 brought thousands of toys, winter coats, and smiles to needy children in the community each
18 Christmas; and

19 WHEREAS, Laura and her husband, Moreno, operated a small appliance business on the
20 South Side and their home was a warm and welcoming escape for those in need of assistance, a

1 good meal, a word of encouragement, or just a place to debate and share gossip; and

2 WHEREAS, Laura was a beloved mother, wife and grandmother, and a fierce advocate
3 for her community. She was loved by many and respected by all who knew her. She will be
4 dearly missed; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
6 hereby extends deepest condolences on the passing of Laura Rodríguez; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Moreno Rodríguez and Family.

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