

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXTENDING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF TINA-MARIE SULLIVAN

Introduced By: Senators Cano, and Crowley

Date Introduced: May 29, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with deepest sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Tina-
2 Marie Sullivan, the beloved wife of Keith Sullivan, and the devoted mother of Patrick and Katie;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, One of seven children born into the family of the late Edmund and Florence
5 Brousseau, Mrs. Sullivan was the sister of Carol, Robert, Kenneth, and the late Ronald, Richard
6 and Russell. She also leaves behind and will be dearly missed by her mother-in-law, many nieces
7 and nephews, and a vast cadre of best friends and coworkers; and

8 WHEREAS, Born in Central Falls, Mrs. Sullivan was affectionately given the moniker of
9 “a daughter of the city” from Central Falls Mayor James Diossa, because of her untiring devotion
10 to helping those in need in the City she loved. As a child, she had also won the honor of being
11 named “Little Miss Central Falls,” beating out the renowned Oscar, Emmy, and Tony-award
12 winning actress Viola Davis to win the coveted title; and

13 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan had lost her father at a young age which resulted in a deep and
14 personal understanding and compassion for those less fortunate. As the Executive Director of the
15 Central Falls Housing Authority, her advocacy for affordable housing was unmatched. She was
16 innovative and tireless, and epitomized the conviction that every person had a right to a home and
17 opportunities. She was recognized as a YMCA Rhode Island Women of Achievement for her
18 successes in providing affordable housing, and had contributed many hours working on housing
19 boards and committees, and organizing myriad fundraisers for those in need; and

20 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sullivan was the kind of mother every child needs and deserves. With

1 a loving and warm personality, she had created and nurtured a marriage that flourished, and a
2 home that was warm and welcoming. She will be deeply missed by all who were a part of a too-
3 short but truly amazing life; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby expresses our deepest sympathies on the passing of Tina-Marie Sullivan; and be it further

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

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