

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF GERMAINE G. PICARD

Introduced By: Senators Pearson, Ruggerio, Goldin, Lombardi, and Felag

Date Introduced: June 20, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Germaine G. Picard of Woonsocket, passed away on June 5, 2019,
2 surrounded by her loving family. She was the devoted wife of the late Raymond Picard; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Picard was born in Woonsocket, the daughter of the late Napoleon and
4 Maria Bienvenue. When she was a young girl, her family returned to Contrecoeur, P.Q. Canada,
5 and for the rest of her life she vividly recalled the details of growing up along the St. Lawrence
6 River. She also maintained an optimistic, can-do attitude throughout her lifetime which helped
7 her to overcome many challenges, including the hardships of the Great Depression; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Picard returned to Woonsocket when she was sixteen years old.
9 Shortly thereafter, she met the love of her life, Raymond Picard, and they married on July 4th,
10 1944. Together they raised six children, and were blessed with nineteen grandchildren, 23 great-
11 grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Picard was a hard-working woman who was employed at several
13 Woonsocket area mills and later as a caregiver for L'Hospice St. Antoine. Her family was most
14 important in her life and she was involved in all aspects of their lives. She planned and organized
15 the daily activities of her family members and created a warm, loving, and nurturing home that
16 allowed her children to flourish in the outside world while seeking comfort inside their beautiful
17 home; and

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Picard will long be remembered for her cheerful personality and
19 beautiful smile. She was a passionate sports fan who loved to sit on the porch and watch her
20 beloved Boston Red Sox, New England Patriots and Notre Dame Football Team; and

1 WHEREAS, Mrs. Picard leaves behind her children, Roland Picard and his wife, Mary,
2 Richard Picard, Jeanne Debrousse and her husband, Maurice, Pauline Hoppe and her husband,
3 Daniel, the Honorable Roger Picard, our friend and colleague who has served with honor and
4 distinction in both the Rhode Island Senate and the Rhode Island House of Representatives, and
5 his wife, Diane, and Claire Miller and her husband, John. She was the sister of the late Armand
6 Bienvenue and Laurette Piche; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
8 hereby expresses its condolences on the passing of Germaine G. Picard; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Roland Picard, Richard Picard, Jeanne
11 Debrousse, Pauline Hoppe, the Honorable Roger Picard, and Claire Miller.

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