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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

PROCLAIMING 2016 TO BE "THE YEAR OF THE VETERAN" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Lancia, Naughton, Azzinaro, Costa, and Reilly

Date Introduced: January 19, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, According to the United States Census, Rhode Island has approximately
2 71,000 military veterans residing in our State. Veterans constitute close to twenty percent of the
3 adult population in Rhode Island. On a daily basis they enrich our lives and are a link to our past;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, In the near future, a significant increase is expected in the number of
6 military veterans who will transition from military life to civilian life. Many of them will enroll
7 in colleges and universities. They deserve enhanced access to all available educational and job
8 training opportunities as they strive to provide for their families; and

9 WHEREAS, It is imperative that the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Education and
10 Defense work collaboratively to develop the best strategies to aid our veterans and active service
11 members to reach their educational and training goals; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That we recognize veteran legislative initiatives: providing a pension tax
13 exemption, creating a Virtual Veterans Academy to include a directory of resources, education,
14 and a roadmap of services available, and a three percent set-aside of government contracts for
15 veterans; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims 2016 to be "The Year of the Veteran" in the State of
18 Rhode Island; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Kim A. Ripoli, Associate Director,
- 2 Division of Veterans Affairs.

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