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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Introduced By: Senators Seveney, Felag, DiPalma, Raptakis, and Lynch Prata

Date Introduced: June 29, 2017

Referred To: Placed on Senate Calendar

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 25-2 of the General Laws entitled "Days of Special Observance" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **25-2-58. "The Rhode Island Nine Beirut Marines" Observance Day.**

4 The twenty-third day of October in each and every year shall be set aside as a day
5 dedicated to the memory of the "Rhode Island Nine Beirut Marines" who lost their lives in the
6 1983 terrorist bombing attack on a marine compound in Beirut, Lebanon, that killed two hundred
7 forty-one (241) American service personnel. The day shall be observed by the people of this state
8 with appropriate exercises in public places and the governor may issue an annual proclamation
9 honoring the memory of the nine marines from Rhode Island who made the ultimate sacrifice.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This act would designate October 23 of each year as a day to commemorate the nine
- 2 Rhode Island marines killed in the 1983 terrorist attack in Beirut, Lebanon.
- 3 This act would take effect upon passage.

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