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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUANCE OF
GOLD STAR FAMILY LICENSE PLATES**

Introduced By: Senators Kettle, Picard, Algieri, Lynch, and Goodwin

Date Introduced: February 14, 2012

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

1 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
2 consisting of twelve (12) members: three (3) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island
3 house of representatives, not more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by
4 the speaker of the house; three (3) of whom shall be members of the Rhode Island senate, not
5 more than two (2) from the same political party, to be appointed by the president of the senate;
6 one of whom shall be a member representing the Navy, to be appointed by the speaker of the
7 house; one of whom shall be a member representing the Army, to be appointed by the president
8 of the senate; one of whom shall be a member representing the Marine Corps, to be appointed by
9 the speaker of the house; one of whom shall be a member representing the Air Force, to be
10 appointed by the president of the senate; one of whom shall be a member representing the Coast
11 Guard, to be appointed by the speaker of the house; and one of whom shall be a member
12 representing the National Guard, to be appointed by the president of the senate.

13 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
14 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a general assembly
15 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
16 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
17 is entitled to the appointment, consents to the member of the general public.

18 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study of the issuance
19 of a gold star family license plate for family members of servicemen and servicewomen who died

1 while on active duty.

2 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
3 the call of the speaker of the house and the president of the senate and organize and shall select a
4 chairperson from among the legislators.

5 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

6 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

7 All departments and agencies of the state shall furnish such advice and information,
8 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
9 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

10 The joint committee on legislative services is hereby authorized and directed to provide
11 suitable quarters for said commission; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
13 general assembly no later than January 8, 2013, and said commission shall expire on March 8,
14 2013.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
JOINT RESOLUTION
CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ISSUANCE OF
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1 This resolution would create a twelve (12) member special legislative study commission
2 whose purpose it would be to study the issuance of a gold star family license plate for family
3 members of servicemen and servicewomen who died while on active duty, and who would report
4 back to the general assembly no later than January 8, 2013, and whose life would expire on
5 March 8, 2013.

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