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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

HONORING AND THANKING RHODE ISLAND NATIONAL GUARD MAJOR MIKE MANNING FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR STATE AND NATION, AND WISHING HIM WELL IN HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT IN AFGHANISTAN

Introduced By: Representatives Fox, Mattiello, Newberry, Azzinaro, and Gallison

Date Introduced: March 27, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Major Mike Manning of the Rhode Island National Guard is a Distinguished
2 Military Graduate of Providence College's ROTC class of 1997. Upon being commissioned as an
3 Infantry Officer and after completing the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Major Manning was
4 assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, and was forward
5 deployed to the Republic of Germany. During his time with the 1-26, Major Manning served in
6 the capacity of Assistant Operations Officer and Platoon Leader. In June of 1999, Major Manning
7 deployed to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian II. While in Kosovo, Major Manning
8 was reassigned to E Troop, 4th US Cavalry as a Brigade Reconnaissance Troop Leader for Task
9 Force Falcon; and

10 WHEREAS, In 2000, Major Manning separated from active duty and transferred to the
11 Rhode Island National Guard in May of 2000. Major Manning pursued civilian interests from
12 2000 to late 2003, while also maintaining his military career in a traditional capacity with the
13 Rhode Island National Guard, serving with the 3rd Battalion, 172nd Mountain Infantry as a Scout
14 Platoon Leader, and later serving as Executive Officer with the 173rd Infantry Detachment (Long
15 Range Surveillance), 42nd Infantry Division, and as appointed Commander of the 173rd LRS; and

16 WHEREAS, In early 2004, Major Manning returned to active duty with the Rhode Island
17 National Guard and was appointed as a Recruiting and Retention Specialist, while also continuing
18 to serve as the Commander of the 173rd LRS in a traditional capacity. In July of 2004, Major
19 Manning and the 173rd LRS was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III, where

1 Major Manning led his unit in a highly successful deployment during a critical time in Iraq,
2 bringing his unit back with no casualties. For his efforts, he was awarded the Bronze Star; and

3 WHEREAS, In March of 2006, Major Manning relinquished command of the 173rd LRS
4 and was assigned to Joint Force Headquarters, Rhode Island National Guard, as the state's first
5 State Partnership Program (SPP) Coordinator. Major Manning worked in the capacity of SPP
6 Coordinator for two years. During his tenure as the state's SSP Coordinator, Major Manning was
7 instrumental in leveraging multiple civilian-to-civilian and military-to-civilian initiatives to the
8 benefit of Rhode Island's sister-country, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and

9 WHEREAS, In October of 2007, Major Manning was reassigned as Operations Officer
10 with Special Operations Detachment-Global (SOD-G). Subsequently, he deployed with the SOD
11 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom Caribbean and Central America, and was assigned to
12 Special Operations Command South. While deployed, Major Manning served as the Deputy
13 Chief for the Regional Engagement Branch responsible for the Caribbean and Central America;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Upon returning from deployment in March of 2009, Major Manning was
16 selected to attend the College of Naval Command and Staff at the U.S. Naval War College. At the
17 same time, Major Manning screened for and was selected by the U.S. Naval War College for
18 enrollment in the Maritime Advanced War-Fighting School. In June of 2010, Major Manning
19 graduated with distinction from the U.S. Naval War College with a Master of Arts degree in
20 National Security and Strategic Studies; and

21 WHEREAS, Upon graduation, Major Manning was assigned to the Joint Forces
22 Headquarters of the Rhode Island National Guard as the Legislative Liaison and Plans Officer
23 and he continues to serve in this capacity. As the Legislative Liaison, Major Manning works
24 closely with Rhode Island's Congressional Delegation concerning national and strategic level
25 initiatives impacting the Rhode Island National Guard. Further, he works with the Governor's
26 office and the state legislature in Rhode Island with respect to state and local requirements
27 involving the Rhode Island National Guard; and

28 WHEREAS, Major Manning is also a graduate of the Leadership in Homeland Security
29 Course at Harvard University, the Military Assistance Course, Naval Command and Staff
30 College, Maritime Advanced Warfighting School, Combined Arms Exercise Course, Defense
31 Support of Civil Authorities Course, Foreign Area Officer Course, Infantry Captains Career
32 Course, Infantry Officer Basic Course, the Joint Fire Power Course, Sniper Employment Officer
33 Course, US Army Jump Master Course, Scout Platoon Leader's Course, Bradley Leader's
34 Course, US Army Ranger School and US Army Airborne School; and

1 WHEREAS, Major Manning is married to Meg and they have three teenage children.
2 Major Manning is slated to deploy to Afghanistan in the near future. He will serve as an instructor
3 for the Afghan National Army's Commando Forces; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby thanks Major Manning for his many years of distinguished service
6 to our nation and the citizens of Rhode Island. We wish him well on his forthcoming deployment
7 to Afghanistan; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Major Mike Manning.

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