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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

**RESPECTFULLY URGING THE PASSAGE OF H.R. 411 WITH RECOMMENDED
AMENDMENTS**

Introduced By: Representative Michael W. Chippendale

Date Introduced: June 11, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The United States Army's Fort McClellan in Anniston, Alabama, according
2 to the Federal Government's Roster of Toxic Waste Sites, is located on one of the country's
3 largest chemical waste and toxic substance "Superfund Sites"; and

4 WHEREAS, The 113th United States House of Representatives has introduced a bill, H.R.
5 411, which will direct the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans
6 who were stationed at Ft. McClellan, AL, as well as those who were there for other reasons; and

7 WHEREAS, The short title of this act is "The Fort McClellan Health Registry Act," and
8 if enacted, it will require the information in the registry to contain all relevant data from all
9 United States Servicemen who have experienced health issues with symptoms that match, or are
10 similar to, those identified as being a result of exposure to toxic substances at Ft. McClellan; and

11 WHEREAS, The current bill names only "individuals who served in the Armed Forces"
12 but should be amended to include "all National Guardsman, Reservists, and any other United
13 States government employees, and the biological offspring of said individuals"; and

14 WHEREAS, The Fort McClellan Health Registry Act is intended to gather data and
15 develop treatment for the myriad symptoms manifesting in the above described personnel. It will
16 also engage in an outreach program to find any of the said personnel who were stationed at, or
17 conducted other business at, Ft. McClellan between January 1st of 1935 and May 20th of 1999;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, It has been determined that the following substances were found, and on

1 numerous occasions used, at Ft. McClellan: Chemical Weapons, Degreasers and
2 Decontamination Solvents, Environmental contaminants (such as Arsenic, Asbestos, Lead,
3 Mercury, and Thallium), and Herbicides, Pesticides, and Ionizing Radiation; and

4 WHEREAS, The above referenced contaminants were also found in the surrounding
5 areas in the Town of Anniston, AL, and the primary supplier of the carcinogenic chemicals has
6 made a large monetary settlement with the Town of Anniston; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully urges the United States Senate and the United States
9 House of Representatives, along with President Barack Obama, to pass into law H.R. 411, with
10 the recommended amendments hereby named in this resolution; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to President Barack Obama, the Honorable
13 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of
14 both the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives, and the members
15 of the Rhode Island Congressional delegation.

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