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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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

**HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHRIS CORBETT (RETIRED) FOR HIS
EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO OUR NATION AND FOR HIS WORK WITH THE JROTC**

Introduced By: Representatives Lancia, Mattiello, Malik, Abney, and McLaughlin

Date Introduced: May 13, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Chris Corbett (Retired) began his distinguished military
2 career on June 6, 1989, when he enlisted in the United States Army to initially serve as a Stinger
3 Gunner; and

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Corbett served overseas in Germany, Saudi Arabia,
5 Kuwait and Iraq, and he completed three combat tours. He also served in a variety of command
6 and staff positions in the Air Defense Artillery. Additionally, the United States Army allowed
7 him to teach, something he loves to do. He taught as an Assistant Professor of English at West
8 Point from 2001 to 2004, as a Professor of Military Science at the University of Akron from 2009
9 to 2011, and as a part of the Military Faculty at the Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense
10 University, from 2011 to 2012. He also served as a teacher at Wareham High School on Cape
11 Cod, from 2012 to 2013. Lieutenant Colonel Corbett retired from the United States Army after
12 more than twenty-three years of devoted and faithful service to our nation; and

13 WHEREAS, Since 2013, Lieutenant Colonel Corbett has served as the Junior ROTC
14 Senior Army Instructor of the Hope High School Blue Wave Battalion. The JROTC's mission is
15 to motivate young people to be better citizens. Under LTC Corbett's leadership and direction, the
16 Cadets have earned the Honor Unit with Distinction designation, the Army's highest
17 accreditation, making it the only Army JROTC program in Rhode Island with this accreditation
18 rating. The cadets perform an average of over 5,000 hours of community service each year and
19 the seniors have a 95 percent graduation rate and routinely earn substantial college scholarship

1 aid; and

2 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Corbett earned a Bachelor's degree from (then)
3 Bridgewater State College in 1989, and a Master's degree from the University of Rhode Island in
4 2001. He is married to Susan, his wife of twenty-five years, who is a reading teacher at Bristol-
5 Warren High School, and is the father of two sons, Chris, II, a senior at West Point, and Jonathan,
6 a freshman at Wentworth Institute of Technology. He and his family are thrilled to be back living
7 in Rhode Island, where they have access to a ready supply of coffee milk, Del's lemonade, and
8 Johnny cakes; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
10 Providence Plantations hereby honors Lieutenant Colonel Chris Corbett (Retired) for his
11 exemplary service to our nation and for his work with the JROTC; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Chris Corbett.

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