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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017**

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

**CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXPLORE THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF A GULF WARS VETERANS MEMORIAL**

Introduced By: Representatives Messier, Azzinaro, Fellela, Walsh, and McLaughlin

Date Introduced: February 02, 2017

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

1           RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created  
2 consisting of seven (7) members: four (4) of whom shall be members of the House of  
3 Representatives, two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House and two (2) of  
4 whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House in consultation with the House minority  
5 leader; one of whom shall be the Director of the office of Veterans Affairs, or designee, and one  
6 of whom shall be the Adjutant General of the Rhode Island National Guard, or designee, and one  
7 of whom shall be a member of the general public and a Gulf War Veteran, to be appointed by the  
8 Speaker of the House.

9           In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory  
10 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly  
11 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu  
12 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which  
13 is entitled to the appointment consents to the appointment of the member of the general public.

14           The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and provide  
15 recommendations for all aspects pertaining to the creation of a permanent memorial to the  
16 veterans of the Gulf Wars.

17           Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at  
18 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize and shall select, from among the legislators, a  
19 chairperson. Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original

1 appointment.

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

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

6 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters  
7 for said commission; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the  
9 House of Representatives no later than June 30, 2017, and said commission shall expire on  
10 August 30, 2017.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
OF  
HOUSE RESOLUTION  
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- 1           This resolution would create a seven (7) member special legislative commission whose
- 2           purpose it would be to make a comprehensive study of all aspects pertaining to the creation of a
- 3           permanent memorial to the veterans of the Gulf Wars and who would report back to the House of
- 4           Representatives on or before June 30, 2017, and would expire on August 30, 2017.

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