# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND 

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

# SENATERESOLUTION <br> PROCLAIMING MAY 5, 2018, TO BE "RHODE ISLAND OPEN TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND 

Introduced By: Senators McCaffrey, Lombardi, Archambault, Ciccone, and Conley
Date Introduced: May 03, 2018
Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

WHEREAS, Taekwondo is a Korean martial art developed during the 1940's and 50's by martial artists with broad experience in the different martial arts including karate and other Chinese and Korean martial arts traditions. Taekwondo places a special emphasis on head-height kicks, jumping and spinning kicks, and a variety of fast kicking techniques; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Open Taekwondo Championship was initiated thirty-four years ago by Grandmaster Jin Sup Hong; and

WHEREAS, This championship has been a vital and outstanding feature of the martial arts sports' scene in Rhode Island. It has fostered the practice of the Korean art of Taekwondo within the State and has enriched the cultural diversity of Rhode Island; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Open Taekwondo Championship is a prestigious event that has significant stature in New England and has hosted thousands of Rhode Island and New England competitors over the past thirty-four years; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 5, 2018, to be "Rhode Island Open Taekwondo Championship Day" in the State of Rhode Island. We wish them a most exciting and successful championship; and be it further

2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Grand Master Jin R. Hong.

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