WHEREAS, The federal military budget comprises more than fifty percent of federal discretionary spending and far outpaces federal spending on other crucial societal needs such as education, infrastructure, transportation, food and housing security; and

WHEREAS, America’s growing global military footprint in many ways is a destabilizing factor upon our national security and global well-being, possibly inducing a new global arms race; and

WHEREAS, The effects of the climate crisis are becoming more clear and investments in climate mitigation and resilience industries more needed; and

WHEREAS, The Rhode Island economy was reliant on the military sector for 7.6 percent of its economic output, according to the Southern New England Defense Industry Alliance’s (SENEDIA) latest report from 2017; and

WHEREAS, Public investment in other industries, such as clean energy, infrastructure, education, health care, rather than in the military, produces a greater number of jobs, according to research presented by the Costs of War Project at Brown University’s Watson Institute; and

WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has warned that “rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society” will be required to avoid a climate catastrophe; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby respectfully requests that the Rhode Island Congressional delegation prioritize an economic
transition where resources are directed away from militarism toward mitigation of, and adaptation
to, the climate crisis in a way that guarantees a just transition for those working in sectors of
reduced economic activity, and that benefits all communities, in particular communities of color
and poverty whose well-being is often neglected; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

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