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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG AS THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND'S EMBLEM OF THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE BY THOSE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN DEFENSE OF OUR NATIONAL FREEDOMS

Introduced By: Representatives MacBeth, Costa, Menard, Jacquard, and Gallison

Date Introduced: June 30, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, War deaths have been part of our heritage since the birth of this nation, yet
2 there has never been an official national symbol that recognizes the ultimate sacrifice made by
3 members of the United States military in service to our nation; and

4 WHEREAS, House Resolution 1034 of the 111th Congress designates the Honor and
5 Remember Flag, created by Honor and Remember, Inc., to officially recognize and honor fallen
6 members of the United States Armed Forces; and

7 WHEREAS, The Red Field represents the blood spilled by brave men and women in
8 America's military throughout our history, men and women who willingly gave their lives so that
9 we all would remain free; and

10 WHEREAS, The Blue Star is a symbol of active service in military conflict, originating
11 with World War I, but on this flag it signifies service through all generations, from the American
12 Revolution to present day conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

13 WHEREAS, The White Border surrounding the Gold Star recognizes the purity of
14 sacrifice and that there is no greater price an American can pay than to give his or her life in
15 service to our country; and

16 WHEREAS, The Gold Star symbolizes the ultimate sacrifice of a warrior in active
17 service who will not return home, and reflects the value of the life that was given; and

18 WHEREAS, The Folded Flag element highlights this nation's final tribute to a fallen

1 serviceperson and a family's sacrifice; and

2 WHEREAS, The Flame is an eternal reminder of the spirit that has departed this life, yet
3 burns on in the memory of all who knew and loved the fallen hero; and

4 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island General Assembly calls for a unifying symbol
5 recognizing this nation's solemn debt to the estimated 1.6 million fallen service members
6 throughout history, and the families and communities who mourn their loss; now therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
8 Providence Plantations hereby designates the Honor and Remembrance Flag as the state's official
9 emblem of service and sacrifice by the brave men and women of the United States Armed Forces
10 who have given their lives in the line of duty; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Major General Robert Bray, Adjutant General
13 of the State of Rhode Island.

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