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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT  
OF VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS (RI VFW) FOR THE RI VETERANS SERVICES  
OFFICERS (VSO) PROGRAM

Introduced By: Representatives McEntee, Azzinaro, Casimiro, Solomon, Casey, Hull,  
and J. Lombardi

Date Introduced: February 15, 2024

Referred To: House Finance

1           WHEREAS, Many veterans in our State are unsure of their status or how to access their  
2 benefits as many of our municipalities do not have a local office, resulting in veterans needing to  
3 access applications and information via the computer which is not always a viable option for  
4 them; and

5           WHEREAS, The Department of RI VFW partners with the Veterans Administration  
6 (VA) to certify Veterans Services Officers (VSOs) who are veterans, located in cities and towns  
7 across Rhode Island who help veterans and their families with myriad issues including,  
8 healthcare, housing, education and municipal tax reductions, as well as service-connected  
9 disability claims, job readiness, home loans, and burial benefits; and

10          WHEREAS, It is necessary and essential to increase the VFW annual budget from  
11 \$28,000 to \$128,000 for the purpose of expanding/publicizing the VSO program and enhancing  
12 the lives of our veterans and military families; now, therefore be it

13          RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
14 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2024-2025, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars  
15 (\$100,000) to the Rhode Island Department of Veterans Of Foreign Wars (RI VFW) for the RI  
16 Veterans Services Officers (VSO) Program; and the state controller is hereby authorized and  
17 directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of said sum, or so much

1 thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to the Rhode
- 2   Island Department of Veterans Of Foreign Wars (RI VFW) for the RI Veterans Services Officers
- 3   (VSO) Program.

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