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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING SERGEANT MAJOR PETER A. GAGNON ON BEING SELECTED
AS GRAND MARSHAL FOR THE 2011 MEMORIAL DAY PARADE IN THE TOWN OF
LINCOLN

Introduced By: Representatives O`Grady, Petrarca, and Menard

Date Introduced: May 10, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In honor of Sergeant Major Peter A. Gagnon's exemplary and highly
2 decorated service in the United States Army, the Town of Lincoln has announced that he has been
3 selected as Grand Marshal of the 2011 Memorial Day Parade; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Peter A. Gagnon is a resident of Lincoln and is one of
5 Rhode Island's most highly decorated Vietnam War veterans, making him an ideal choice to lead
6 this tribute to all those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our country; and

7 WHEREAS, Many people go through their life without ever encountering a potential life
8 and death situation, without a defining moment that turns an ordinary person into a hero.
9 Sergeant Major Peter A. Gagnon faced such challenges with honor, receiving numerous awards
10 for his meritorious service in the United States Army; and

11 WHEREAS, Among the awards bestowed upon Sergeant Major Peter A. Gagnon was the
12 Legion of Merit, rarely awarded to non-commissioned personnel, and given for exceptionally
13 meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements; and

14 WHEREAS, The bravery and courage shown by Sergeant Major Peter A. Gagnon
15 resulted in the award of the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Oak Leaf Cluster signifying
16 two separate acts of valor, resulting in two separate awards; and

17 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Peter A. Gagnon's outstanding service has also been
18 recognized with the awarding of the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army
19 Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal, Vietnam Cross of

1 Gallantry with Palm, and Vietnam Service Medal with one Silver and One Bronze Star; and

2 WHEREAS, The people of the State of Rhode Island are truly thankful for the many
3 years of steadfast and unselfish service given by Sergeant Major Peter A. Gagnon in the defense
4 of our nation, providing a real life role model of dedication, bravery and conscientious service;
5 now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
7 Providence Plantations congratulates Sergeant Major Peter A. Gagnon, an exceptional man who
8 is truly deserving of the gratitude and recognition he has been afforded, on being named Grand
9 Marshal of the Town of Lincoln 2011 Memorial Day Parade; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Sergeant Major Peter A. Gagnon.

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