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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**RECOGNIZING AUGUST 11TH, 2013, AS "SPIRIT OF '45 DAY" IN THE STATE OF
RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Phillips, Gallison, Baldelli-Hunt, Hull, and Costantino

Date Introduced: May 29, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Nationally, the second Sunday in August has been set aside as “Spirit of ’45
2 Day,” a day to commemorate the anniversary of the end of World War II and the efforts of
3 millions of veterans; and

4 WHEREAS, On August 14, 1945, people in the United States and around the world,
5 learned of the end of World War II. News of the Allies’ noble victory was met with joyous
6 celebration, humility, and spiritual reflection; and

7 WHEREAS, The victory marked the culmination of an unprecedented national effort that
8 defeated the forces of aggression, brought freedom to subjugated nations, and ended the horrors
9 of the Holocaust; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 400,000 Americans gave their lives in service to their country
11 during World War II. The historic accomplishments of this era were achieved through the
12 collective service and personal sacrifices of all who served in uniform and also those who
13 supported them on the home front; and

14 WHEREAS, The courage, dedication, self-sacrifice, and compassion of the World War II
15 generation have inspired subsequent generations who have gone on to serve in the United States
16 Armed Forces, including the men and women who are currently deployed to Iraq and
17 Afghanistan, and around the world; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, upon their return to civilian life, these same men and women
19 created an array of organizations and institutions during the postwar era which helped to

1 strengthen American democracy by promoting civic engagement, volunteerism, and service to
2 community and country; and

3 WHEREAS, August 14, 1945, marked not only the end of a war, but also the beginning
4 of an unprecedented era of rebuilding in which the United States led the effort to restore the
5 shattered nations of the Allies and their enemies alike, and to create institutions to work towards a
6 more peaceful global community; and

7 WHEREAS, The entire World War II generation, military and civilian, has provided a
8 model of unity and community that serves as a source of inspiration for current and future
9 generations of Americans to come together to work for the continued betterment of the United
10 States and the world; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
12 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes August 11th of 2013 as “Spirit of ’45 Day” in our state;
13 and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Director of the Division of Veterans’
16 Affairs.

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