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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**RESPECTFULLY URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO RESTORE THE COST
OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR ALL MILITARY RETIREES**

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, Mattiello, Azzinaro, Casey, and Fellela

Date Introduced: January 23, 2014

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

1 WHEREAS, A bipartisan federal budget agreement, passed by Congress in December of
2 2013, made substantial cuts to military pensions by cutting cost-of-living adjustments to pensions
3 by 1 percentage point for military retirees who are not yet 62 years old, the cuts also applied to
4 disabled service members, many of whom have been wounded in combat; and

5 WHEREAS, H.R. 3547, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, introduced in
6 January of 2014, will exempt medically retired military retirees by repealing the 1 percent
7 reduction in the annual military pension cost-of-living adjustment for these disabled military
8 retirees and their survivors; and

9 WHEREAS, The legislation, now passed by Congress, takes a step in the right direction
10 by ensuring that disabled veterans and surviving families receive the full benefits they are due,
11 but it fails to redact a provision from the original budget agreement that reduces cost-of-living
12 adjustments for working-age military retirees by 1 percent, starting in December 2015; and

13 WHEREAS, This provision drastically affects retirees under the age of 62 and could
14 result in thousands of dollars in lost retirement benefits for these deserving patriots; and

15 WHEREAS, Today military personnel on active duty and in the reserves face the very
16 real prospect of repetitive tours of duty in Afghanistan and other overseas areas. It is
17 fundamental that these men and women, who are currently wearing the uniform of the armed
18 services, know that their sacrifices are appreciated and they remain a priority in this country;
19 now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully urges the United States Congress to restore the 1
3 percent cost-of-living adjustments for working-age military retirees; and be it further

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

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