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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 ENACT LEGISLATION
EXPANDING THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT**

Introduced By: Representatives Gemma, Slater, Diaz, Almeida, and Carter

Date Introduced: May 20, 2010

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, Throughout American history, our nation has been propitiously blessed with
2 so many men and women, both citizens and noncitizens, who are willing to protect our precious
3 freedoms and liberties by serving our country in the United States military; and

4 WHEREAS, Currently, there is a time requirement for naturalization of noncitizen
5 military personnel. Naturalization is the process by which United States citizenship is conferred
6 upon a foreign citizen or national after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress
7 in the Immigration and Nationality Act; and

8 WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders and other Americans are proud of the great courage and
9 commitment demonstrated by members of the armed forces and thus support expediting
10 naturalization of these valiant members of our military; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
12 Providence Plantations hereby respectfully urges the United States Congress to enact legislation
13 to amend the requirements of the Immigration and Nationality Act in order to confer citizenship
14 on noncitizens at the time of enlistment in the United States military if they have been issued a
15 visa or green card; and be it further

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

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