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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**

**CONGRATULATING MASTER SERGEANT STEPHEN F. KILMARTIN ON HIS  
RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE AFTER FORTY YEARS  
OF HONORABLE, DISTINGUISHED, AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR NATION**

Introduced By: Representatives Kilmartin, E Coderre, San Bento, Messier, and JP O`Neill

Date Introduced: June 08, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Throughout America's history, this nation has been propitiously blessed  
2 with so many of its citizenry willing to protect the precious freedoms and liberties on which this  
3 great country was founded. Stephen F. Kilmartin fully embodies this noble tradition of service;  
4 and

5           WHEREAS, In 1970, Master Sergeant Kilmartin enlisted in the United States Army.  
6 Since then, he has served our nation with extraordinary loyalty, competence, distinction, and  
7 dedication, in both the United States Army and United States Army Reserve. He has touched the  
8 lives of countless soldiers who have benefitted not only from his mentorship and professional  
9 support, but also from his compassion. His legacy is one of selfless devotion to safeguarding and  
10 caring for the lives and needs of his fellow soldiers; and

11           WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Kilmartin was responsible for the readiness transformation  
12 effort that resulted in increasing the strength of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, improving overall soldier ratings,  
13 and more than doubling assigned instructor certifications. In addition, he handled over 3,000  
14 personnel actions with the utmost care, thereby assuring timely and accurate results; and

15           WHEREAS, With formidable determination, Master Sergeant Kilmartin provided yearly  
16 personnel support for more than 400 soldiers assigned to the Brigade. His efforts resulted in the  
17 proper certification of instructors for the Brigade's S-1, which allowed the Brigade to fully carry  
18 out its assigned mission in support of the effort to win the war on global terrorism; and

19           WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Kilmartin flawlessly performed the duties of the de facto

1 Brigade S-1 in the absence of one of the Senior NCO's. He fully supported the difficult but  
2 seamless integration of five MI Batallions into the Brigade, and was a vital component in the  
3 Brigade's transformation and realignment into the 100<sup>th</sup> Division in October of 2008; and

4 WHEREAS, Master Sergeant Kilmartin's spirit, sacrifice, and commitment to the causes  
5 of democracy and freedom are immutable, and we are proud to commemorate and pay tribute to  
6 his distinguished military career; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
8 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Master Sergeant Stephen F. Kilmartin on his  
9 retirement from the United States Army Reserve after forty years of distinguished, honorable, and  
10 dedicated service to our nation; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Master Sergeant Stephen F. Kilmartin.

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