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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

JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING NATIONAL COAST GUARD DAY ON AUGUST 4, 2016

Introduced By: Representatives Tobon, Barros, Malik, Azzinaro, and Lancia

Date Introduced: June 16, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, National Coast Guard Day is held every August 4th to commemorate the
2 founding of the United States Coast Guard on August 4, 1790. On that day the United States
3 Congress authorized the building of a fleet of ten Revenue Service cutters, who were tasked with
4 the responsibility of enforcing the first United States tariff laws; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard is a branch of the United States Armed
6 Forces. The Coast Guard is unique in that it has both a maritime military mission and a maritime
7 law enforcement mission. It currently operates under the United States Department of Homeland
8 Security but can be transferred at any time to the United States Navy by order of the President or
9 by the Congress during times of war; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard has made many valuable contributions to
11 our nation in a myriad of ways such as boating safety, search and rescue, aids to navigation,
12 merchant marine safety, environmental protection, maritime law enforcement, and port security;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The military and civilian personnel of the United States Coast Guard and
15 their predecessors have served our nation with valor and courage since 1790. Our nation relies on
16 the readiness and excellence of the Coast Guard's 42,190 active duty personnel, 7,899 selected
17 reservists, 8,722 civilian employees, and its 32,156 auxiliary members; and

18 WHEREAS, According to the United States Coast Guard, on a typical day the Coast
19 Guard will conduct 109 search and rescue cases, save 10 lives, assist 192 people in distress,
20 protect \$2.8 million in property, seize 169 pounds of marijuana and 306 pounds of cocaine, with a

1 street value of \$9.5 million, conduct 377 vessel safety checks and teach boating safety to 550
2 boaters, monitor the transit of 2,509 commercial ships through United States ports, and board 100
3 large vessels for port safety checks; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby joyously celebrates National Coast Guard Day on August 4, 2016;
6 and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Admiral Paul F. Zakunft, Commandant of the
9 United States Coast Guard.

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