

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

SENATE RESOLUTION

**PROCLAIMING MAY 5, 2018, TO BE "RHODE ISLAND OPEN TAEKWONDO
CHAMPIONSHIP DAY" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Senator Michael J. McCaffrey

Date Introduced: May 03, 2018

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Taekwondo is a Korean martial art developed during the 1940's and 50's by
2 martial artists with broad experience in the different martial arts including karate and other
3 Chinese and Korean martial arts traditions. Taekwondo places a special emphasis on head-height
4 kicks, jumping and spinning kicks, and a variety of fast kicking techniques; and

5 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Open Taekwondo Championship was initiated thirty-four
6 years ago by Grandmaster Jin Sup Hong; and

7 WHEREAS, This championship has been a vital and outstanding feature of the martial
8 arts sports' scene in Rhode Island. It has fostered the practice of the Korean art of Taekwondo
9 within the State and has enriched the cultural diversity of Rhode Island; and

10 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Open Taekwondo Championship is a prestigious event
11 that has significant stature in New England and has hosted thousands of Rhode Island and New
12 England competitors over the past thirty-four years; now, therefore be it

13 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
14 hereby proclaims May 5, 2018, to be "Rhode Island Open Taekwondo Championship Day" in the
15 State of Rhode Island. We wish them a most exciting and successful championship; and be it
16 further

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1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Grand Master Jin R. Hong.

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