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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CELEBRATING SAMUEL KESANDU CHIONUMA'S LIFE AND SERVICE TO RHODE
ISLAND AND THE NATION**

Introduced By: Senator Samuel D. Zurier

Date Introduced: May 08, 2024

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Samuel Kesandu Chionuma was one of Rhode Island and our Nation's best,
2 dedicating his life to service and at the age of thirty-seven, was tragically taken from us far too
3 soon in a senseless act of violence; and

4 WHEREAS, Samuel Chionuma served our Nation courageously and honorably in the
5 United States Army, completing two tours of duty as an infantryman in combat in Iraq and was
6 awarded multiple commendations, medals, and honors. From the time he first joined ROTC and
7 through his years in combat, and in leadership roles while stationed in Hawaii, he served a total of
8 13 years in the military, rising to the rank of Captain; and

9 WHEREAS, Playing a key role in Rhode Island's response to COVID, Samuel
10 Chionuma ensured that tests were widely distributed, thus enabling the State to better combat the
11 pandemic. He continued to serve Rhode Island as a Senior Consultant and Operations Manager
12 for the Rhode Island Department of Human Services; and

13 WHEREAS, Truly a special person, Samuel Chionuma filled his years with acts of
14 courage in service to Rhode Island and his country, with love and devotion to his parents,
15 siblings, cousins, and nephew, and with unparalleled generosity and friendship to the people he
16 encountered from all walks of life; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby recognizes and
18 celebrates the life and service of Samuel Kesandu Chionuma to Rhode Island and the United
19 States; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
2 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Zaneta Chionuma and Family, and Rob
3 Horowitz, Rob Horowitz Associates, Inc.

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