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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO UNITED STATES ARMY BRIGADIER GENERAL JACK HAMMOND (RETIRED) FOR FOUNDING HOME BASE NATIONAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND BRAIN INJURIES, WHICH PROVIDES MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES AT NO COST

Introduced By: Representatives Casey, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Paplauskas, Craven, Solomon, Phillips, Kennedy, and Ajello
Date Introduced: June 03, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Retired United States Army Brigadier General Jack Hammond currently
2 serves as the Chief Executive for the Home Base National Center of Excellence for Mental
3 Health and Brain Injuries. General Hammond is a highly decorated combat leader who served our
4 nation with honor and abiding integrity. General Hammond led both United States and NATO
5 forces in combat and counter-terrorism operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan, which include
6 leading more than one hundred successful counter-terrorist operations in Iraq; and
7 WHEREAS, General Hammond is also a private sector innovator who has served with
8 distinction on a myriad of advisory groups for Presidents, Governors and businesses. General
9 Hammond has also given speeches and led discussion groups on his innovative programs and his
10 leadership skills at the White House, the United Kingdom’s Parliament, Presidential Libraries,
11 and with leading national companies working in the national defense, construction,
12 biotechnology, and marketing sectors; and
13 WHEREAS, In 2012, General Hammond was asked to lead Home Base, which is a
14 unique partnership between the Boston Red Sox and Massachusetts General Hospital. Over the
15 last decade, General Hammond and his team have established our nation’s first private sector
16 Center for Excellence for the Invisible Wounds program, developed innovative and effective
17 solutions for mental health and brain injuries, and worked collaboratively with the faculty and
18 clinical resources of Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, to find new

1 answers to address veterans' mental health and brain injury care needs. All of these treatments are
2 provided free of charge to the veterans, military service members, and the families they care for;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, General Hammond has attained degrees from the University of
5 Massachusetts and Boston University, and completed a National Security Fellowship at Harvard
6 University. General Hammond has received numerous military awards and decorations in
7 recognition of his exemplary service to our nation, including the Distinguished Service Medal,
8 the Legion of Merit Medal for combat service, the Bronze Star Medal, the Meritorious Service
9 Medals, the Army Commendation Medal for Valor, two Valorous Unit Awards, the Combat
10 Action Badge, the French Medal of National Defense, and the Bulgarian Medal of Mission
11 Support; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
13 honors and thanks United States Army Brigadier General Jack Hammond (Retired), for founding
14 Home Base National Center of Excellence for Mental Health and Brain Injuries providing much-
15 needed services to veterans and their families at no cost; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
17 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to General Jack Hammond, (Retired).

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