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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE THE AWARD OF THE ARMED FORCES  
EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL, OR SIMILAR RECOGNITION, TO UNITED STATES  
SERVICE MEMBERS WHO SERVED IN HONDURAS FROM 1981 TO 1992

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Fellela, Hull, J. Lombardi, Read, Noret, and  
Corvese

Date Introduced: March 06, 2026

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

1           WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island recognizes that all members of the United States  
2 Armed Forces deserve respect for their service, full receipt of their earned benefits and  
3 entitlements, and appropriate recognition for the sacrifices they and their families have made in  
4 defense of this nation; and

5           WHEREAS, The United States military maintained a significant presence in the nation of  
6 Honduras throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, conducting joint training operations, providing  
7 logistical and combat support, and participating in military exercises designed to promote  
8 regional stability and deter aggression; and

9           WHEREAS, During this period from 1981 through 1992, United States service members  
10 stationed in Honduras operated in an environment that included hostile activity, terrorist threats,  
11 and hazardous conditions; and

12           WHEREAS, United States service members serving in Honduras were subjected to  
13 hostile fire and imminent danger, and at least one service member was awarded the Purple Heart  
14 as a result of terrorist activity; and

15           WHEREAS, United States service members lost their lives while serving in Honduras  
16 due to terrorist activity and other dangerous circumstances associated with their deployment; and

17           WHEREAS, The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal is awarded to members of the  
18 Armed Forces who participate in designated military operations and who serve in areas where  
19 they face conditions of significant risk or hostility; and

1           WHEREAS, This House believes that all United States service members who served in  
2 hostile or imminently dangerous environments should receive appropriate federal recognition for  
3 their service; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
5 respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to authorize the award of the Armed Forces  
6 Expeditionary Medal, or similar recognition for service in a hostile environment, to all United  
7 States service members who served in Honduras from 1981 to 1992; and be it further

8           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
9 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the  
10 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority  
11 Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the United States Secretary of Defense,  
12 and to each member of Rhode Island's Congressional Delegation.

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