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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

S E N A T E R E S O L U T I O N

CONDEMNING UNAUTHORIZED MILITARY ACTIONS, VIOLATIONS OF FOREIGN SOVEREIGNTY, AND RECURRING U.S. INTERVENTIONIST FAILURES IN LATIN AMERICA

Introduced By: Senators Acosta, Kallman, Mack, Urso, and Pearson

Date Introduced: January 13, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, The United States Constitution assigns to Congress exclusive authority to
2 authorize war and the use of military force abroad; and

3 WHEREAS, Respect for national sovereignty is a cornerstone of international law and
4 peaceful global relations; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States has a documented history of intervention in Latin
6 America that supported authoritarian regimes and resulted in long-term instability and human
7 rights abuses, including support for Fulgencio Batista in Cuba, Augusto Pinochet in Chile, and
8 Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic; and

9 WHEREAS, Statements or rhetoric suggesting military or coercive action against
10 sovereign nations, including references concerning Venezuela, Colombia, and Greenland, risk
11 repeating historic interventionist mistakes; and

12 WHEREAS, Recent actions resulting in the capture of the President of Venezuela,
13 Nicolás Maduro, and his transfer into United States custody, outside a traditional extradition or
14 international legal process, reflect a dangerous escalation and echo past interventionist practices
15 shown to be harmful; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Rhode Island condemns any unauthorized
17 military action undertaken without the express approval of the United States Congress, which
18 coincides with the resolution passed last week by the U.S. Senate which states that the United
19 States should not take any further action without Congressional approval; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate condemns violations of foreign sovereignty, coercive
2 threats or rhetoric against sovereign nations, and extraterritorial seizures of foreign leaders
3 outside lawful process; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the
6 leadership of the United States Congress, and the Rhode Island Congressional Delegation.

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