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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

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

HONORING LUCY ROSE-CORREIA FOR RECEIVING THE "ORDEM DO DRAGOEIRO"
(ORDER OF THE DRAGON TREE) ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
FROM THE PRESIDENT OF CABO VERDE (CAPE VERDE) THE HONORABLE
PRESIDENT JOSE MARIA PEREIRA NEVES

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Shekarchi, Chippendale, Kazarian,
Dawson, Henries, Solomon, Tanzi, Shallcross Smith, and Ajello
Date Introduced: May 25, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Lucy Rose-Correia is a Rhode Island native who grew up in East
2 Providence. She attained a Bachelor's degree in business management from Lesley University,
3 and a Master's degree from Salve Regina in Leadership Dynamics and Practice. She is also a
4 graduate of Leadership, Rhode Island, Class of 2015, and holds both SPHR and SHRM-SCP
5 certifications in Human Resources; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Rose-Correia currently serves as the Chief of Talent & Learning at
7 Children's Friend, a respected child-serving nonprofit agency. She is also the founder of Qualia
8 Life Coaching, and had previously worked as a Human Resources Business partner for
9 Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island; and

10 WHEREAS, With a strong reputation for her amazing business acumen, Ms. Rose-
11 Correia was awarded the Providence Business Award, and often utilizes her skills to help advance
12 and support Cape Verdean culture; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Rose-Correia is founder and serves as President of the Cape Verdean
14 Memorial Project, with the purpose and goal of installing a monument in the Rhode Island
15 Veterans Memorial Cemetery in recognition of Cape Verdean veterans' service to the United
16 States; and

17 WHEREAS, Thanks to Ms. Rose-Correia's tenacity and tireless work, a monument was
18 installed in the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery on September 30, 2018, in recognition

1 of the military service provided to the United States by Cape Verdean veterans; and

2 WHEREAS, The keynote Speaker at the installation was Major General (now General)
3 Gary Brito, the highest-ranking officer of Cape Verdean descent in the United States Armed
4 Forces. This memorial was the first of its kind at a State/federal funded site; and

5 WHEREAS, Cape Verdean immigrants were the first African people to settle freely in
6 the United States, and many of them served and fought bravely in the United States military, an
7 historical fact that is celebrated in Exeter with the Cape Verdean Veterans Memorial, the first of
8 its kind in the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, Many brave Cape Verdeans, and people of Cape Verdean heritage, have
10 fought, and perished, in service to our nation and in support of freedom in all of America's wars
11 from the American Revolution, to the Civil War, World Wars I and II, Korea, Vietnam, in Iraq
12 and Afghanistan; and

13 WHEREAS, Americans of Cape Verdean heritage have also contributed much to the
14 fabric of the United States and all that makes our nation a unique place on the world stage. They
15 have contributed much to our nation's social life, economic success, and the arts and culture, and
16 they continue today to enrich our lives in many ways; and

17 WHEREAS, In recognition of the special relationship between Cabo Verde and the
18 United States, of all the important contributions Americans of Cape Verdean heritage have made
19 to our nation, and in recognition of the Cape Verde Veterans Memorial in Exeter, the President of
20 Cabo Verde, the Honorable President Jose Maria Pereira Neves presented the "Ordem do
21 Dragoeiro" (Order of the Dragon Tree) to Lucy Rose-Correia on the fifth annual Anniversary of
22 the dedication of the first monument erected in the United States to honor the military service of
23 the men and women of Cape Verdean descent; and

24 WHEREAS, Thanks to Ms. Rose-Correia, the Cape Verdean Veterans Monument is
25 located in a public space and will forever serve as a lasting representation of Cape Verdean
26 immigration to the United States, their successful integration, their brave service in support of the
27 United States and the many contributions they have made over the years that has greatly enriched
28 our nation; now, therefore be it

29 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
30 congratulates Lucy Rose-Correia on receiving the "Ordem do Drageiro", (Order of the Dragon),
31 on behalf of the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
33 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Lucy Rose-Correia, President of the Cape

1 Verdean Veterans Memorial in Exeter.

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