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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING JUNE 22, 2012, TO BE CAPTAIN RUSSELL P. KNIGHT DAY IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators DiPalma, Felag, and Paiva Weed

Date Introduced: May 17, 2012

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Russell Knight was born into a distinguished Rhode Island family and has
2 endeavored his whole life to bring further honor to the family's name. He attended Toll Gate
3 High School, where he earned varsity letters for soccer and ice hockey, and went on to pursue
4 postsecondary studies at the University of Rhode Island, where he graduated with a Bachelor of
5 Science degree in Civil/Ocean Engineering. In his excitement to begin his Naval career, Russell
6 actually skipped his URI graduation to enter Aviation Officer Candidate School in May, 1982;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Captain Knight served with extreme dedication and outstanding
9 accomplishments for three decades as a highly-decorated aviator and leader in the United States
10 Navy, including hazardous combat missions, service as an experimental test pilot, command of a
11 Navy fighter squadron, and command of the Naval Air Station in Meridian, Mississippi; and

12 WHEREAS, Captain Knight was elected and served for four years as President of the
13 11,000 member professional naval aviation Tailhook Association; and

14 WHEREAS, As Chief of Staff of the Naval War College, Captain Knight provided
15 dynamic leadership to the world's foremost military education institution during a period of
16 unprecedented growth and renewal; and

17 WHEREAS, Captain Russell P. Knight is to be commended in the strongest possible
18 terms for his thirty years of honorable and dedicated service while upholding the ideals of the
19 citizens he was sworn to protect. His life of exemplary service as a son, husband, father, and

1 patriot reflect the highest traditions of the Naval Service, the State of Rhode Island, and the
2 United States of America; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby proclaims June 22, 2012, as "Captain Russell P. Knight Day" in the State of Rhode Island.
5 We join his wife, Mary Lou, and their two children in recognizing the many ways that Captain
6 Knight's work has made Rhode Island a better, safer place; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That this Senate encourages all the citizens in the State to reflect on
8 Captain Knight's accomplishments; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Captain Russell P. Knight.

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