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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING MAY 3, 2014 AS "RHODE ISLAND OPEN TAEKWONDO
CHAMPIONSHIP DAY"

Introduced By: Senators Jabour, Ottiano, Cool Rumsey, Lombardi, and Walaska

Date Introduced: April 30, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Taekwondo is a traditional Korean Martial Art that provides an exceptional
2 cardio workout and improves coordination. Its foundation is "about mental discipline, confidence,
3 balance, and harmony"; and

4 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Open Taekwondo Championship was initiated by
5 Grandmaster Jin Sup Hong. This year's event marks the thirtieth anniversary of the competition;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, The Taekwondo Championship has been an outstanding feature of the
8 martial arts sport in Rhode Island and features Demo Team Competition, forms competitions,
9 board breaking, and sparring; and

10 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Open Taekwondo Championship has significant stature as
11 a tournament in the New England area and has hosted thousands of Rhode Island competitors
12 over the years; and

13 WHEREAS, More than just a martial arts self-defense, Taekwondo is studied and
14 enjoyed by people of all ages and backgrounds, provides benefits to both participant and
15 spectator, and enriches the cultural diversity of our state; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
17 hereby proclaiming May 3, 2014 as "Rhode Island Open Taekwondo Championship Day." We
18 furthermore encourage all the state's residents to join in the celebration of the numerous benefits
19 of Taekwondo on this day; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
- 2 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Grand Master Hong, President of Grandmaster
- 3 Hong's World Class Taekwondo Center.

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