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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CONGRATULATING ROBERT KENYON ON RECEIVING HIS LONG OVERDUE
MILITARY MEDALS EARNED WHILE SERVING OUR NATION IN WORLD WAR II**

Introduced By: Representatives Lima, and Nardolillo

Date Introduced: February 03, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great pride that his House has learned that Robert Kenyon, a
2 Rhode Islander currently living in Port Charlotte, Florida, has finally received the medals he
3 earned for his heroic service to our nation in World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, In the Second World War, Robert Kenyon, like most men of his generation,
5 answered the call of duty during our nation's greatest time of peril. He joined the United States
6 Naval Reserve and experienced heavy combat in the Pacific Theater. Late in the war, on August
7 9, 1945, while serving below deck in the generator room aboard the destroyer USS Borie, in
8 Tokyo Bay, a kamikaze crashed into the ship killing 48 men and wounding 66 others. The USS
9 Borie was the last United States destroyer to be hit by a kamikaze in World War II and the
10 memories of that tragic day have stayed with Mr. Kenyon to the present; and

11 WHEREAS, On November 4, 2014, for his heroic service to our nation, Robert Kenyon
12 was presented by United States Congressman Tom Rooney, of Florida, the following six medals:
13 The United States Navy Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the American
14 Campaign Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal (with 3 Bronze Star appurtenances), the
15 European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon; and

16 WHEREAS, After the war, Robert Kenyon worked for a Providence gas company for 43
17 years before retiring to Florida. He has been married for 67 years to the love of his life, Lucy
18 Kenyon; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and

1 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Robert Kenyon for recently receiving his long
2 overdue military medals for his heroic service to our nation in World War II; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Robert Kenyon.

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