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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

**HONORING JAMES KAREEMO ON THE AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF HIS 80TH
BIRTHDAY**

Introduced By: Representatives Tobon, Barros, Abney, Johnston, and Messier

Date Introduced: March 29, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, James Kareemo, better known as "Jimmy", was born eight decades ago on
2 March 28th of 1936. The country was finally coming out of the Great Depression under the
3 Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the cost of bread was 8¢ a loaf, and the average salary
4 was \$1,600 a year; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1963, Mr. Kareemo joined the Pawtucket Police Force as a Patrolman.
6 His compassion and involvement with the neighborhoods he patrolled was renowned and he
7 quickly earned a reputation as an officer who had an innate ability to handle problems and truly
8 cared about the people he protected; and

9 WHEREAS, During his years on the force, Mr. Kareemo faced many life and death
10 situations, as do many of our brave men in blue, but few as dangerous as the early morning hours
11 following his 41st birthday. After having served a full day shift, Mr. Kareemo was working on the
12 Family Crisis Team, which counsels runaways, suicides and family disputes. He was called on
13 what was thought to be a "routine" call, but immediately upon arriving at the scene, he was
14 stabbed seven times by a 19 year old assailant who was involved in a domestic dispute at the
15 address; and

16 WHEREAS, Although gravely wounded, Officer Kareemo was still able to fire four
17 shots, wounding his assailant in the arm and making possible his subsequent arrest. He was
18 awarded the Attorney General's Law Enforcement Award, the City of Pawtucket's Blue Star
19 Award, and the National Law Enforcement Military Order of the Purple Heart Award for his

1 heroic efforts; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Kareemo served our country with honor in the United States Army and
3 as a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserves. He also served the community as a
4 School Committee member for fifteen years, and upon retirement from the police force, he was
5 employed in a variety of positions including, Executive Director of the Police Stress Association
6 and as a Deputy Sheriff in the Providence Family Court. He and his wife, Joyce, are the parents
7 of Stephen, Joyce, and David; and

8 WHEREAS, James Kareemo is a widely respected and beloved gentleman. Over the last
9 eighty years, he has impacted the lives of so many people with his wealth of knowledge, his
10 wonderful demeanor, and his exuberance for life, and all who are lucky enough to be a part of his
11 extraordinary life are proud to call him their friend; now, therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
13 Providence Plantations hereby join the family and many friends of James Kareemo in honoring
14 him on the very special occasion of his 80th Birthday. We moreover wish him and all the
15 members of his family the very best health and happiness for many years to come; and be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
18 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. James Kareemo.

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