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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

COMMENDING EASTER SEALS RHODE ISLAND VETERANS COUNT PROGRAM

Introduced By: Representatives Naughton, Malik, Gallison, Edwards, and Abney

Date Introduced: April 06, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Every day, American men and women are risking their lives serving this
2 country in our Armed Forces. Rhode Island has 75,000 veterans; and

3 WHEREAS, Their service, which often includes multiple deployments, has created
4 challenges for themselves and their families, with many of their vital needs oftentimes remaining
5 unmet; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2007, in order to provide these necessities for veterans and their families,
7 Easter Seals New Hampshire initiated a funding component to provide comprehensive and
8 emergency aid called Veterans Count. Program models were also established in Maine, New
9 York, and Vermont, and in 2015, Easter Seals launched Veterans Count in Rhode Island; and

10 WHEREAS, Veterans Count raises funds that assemble avenues of support services for
11 veterans through Care Coordinators. These Coordinators work with our military families to
12 provide assistance for myriad crucial fundamentals such as transportation, housing, rent, fuel
13 assistance, utilities, vehicle repair, gasoline, food, child care, tuition and medical bills; and

14 WHEREAS, Veterans Count honors our veterans and their families by helping to cut
15 through the red tape in order "to provide critical and timely financial assistance and access to
16 services when no other resource is available"; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby commends Easter Seals Rhode Island for providing exceptional
19 services to those who are or have served in our military. We furthermore thank all who have and
20 continue to play a role in the success of Veterans Count; 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 Easter Seals Rhode Island Veterans Count.

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