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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

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

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INVISIBLE
WOUNDS MEMORIAL**

Introduced By: Representatives Marshall, Azzinaro, McLaughlin, Vella-Wilkinson, and
Abney

Date Introduced: June 01, 2017

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, As a state, we are thankful that the core ideals of our free nation are still
2 preserved due to the noble sacrifices that veterans have and continue to make; and

3 WHEREAS, When these brave-hearted men and women, who have honorably served this
4 great nation return home, they oftentimes continue to battle the invisible wounds of war; and

5 WHEREAS, While advances in medicine and technology have made it possible for more
6 of our soldiers to return safely home, the stress of modern warfare, compounded by longer
7 periods of deployment and frequent redeployment, has left our warriors with invisible wounds to
8 their mental health in the form of depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, and
9 substance-use issues; and

10 WHEREAS, The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 20 veterans commit
11 suicide each day; and

12 WHEREAS, The service and sacrifice of these veterans, who continue to carry the
13 burden of invisible wounds, should never be forgotten; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not
15 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2017-2018, such sums or such portions thereof as may
16 be required from time to time to the Department of Human Services Division of Veterans Affairs
17 for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an Invisible Wounds Memorial at the Rhode
18 Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery located in Exeter, Rhode Island; and the state controller is
19 hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the general treasurer for the payment of

- 1 said sum, or so much thereof as may be from time to time required, upon receipt of properly
- 2 authenticated vouchers.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OF
HOUSE RESOLUTION
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- 1 This resolution would authorize an appropriation to the Department of Human Services
- 2 Division of Veterans Affairs such sums as necessary to establish an Invisible Wounds Memorial
- 3 at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island.

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