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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

**THANKING AND CONGRATULATING THE HONORABLE DONALD J. TRUMP FOR HIS
ROLE IN SECURING THE RELEASE OF THREE AMERICAN DETAINEES FROM NORTH
KOREA**

Introduced By: Representatives Roberts, Quattrocchi, Nardolillo, Giarrusso, and
Chippendale

Date Introduced: May 17, 2018

Referred To: House Judiciary

1 WHEREAS, On May 9, 2018, Americans received the good news that three American
2 citizens being detained in North Korea, Kim Dong-chul, Tony Kim, also known as Kim Sang-
3 duk, and Kim Hak-song, were being released thanks to months of encouraging diplomacy
4 conducted by President Trump and his Secretary of State Mike Pompeo; and

5 WHEREAS, Kim Dong-chul, a businessman, was arrested in October of 2015 and
6 sentenced to ten years of hard labor after being accused of spying. Tony Kim was teaching at
7 Pyongyang University of Science and Technology, when he was arrested and detained in April of
8 2017. Kim Hak-song was a volunteer at Pyongyang University of Science and Technology when
9 he was arrested and detained in May of 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, Thanks to the diplomatic breakthroughs that have occurred this year
11 between the United States and North Korea, accomplished in large part due to the innovative
12 approach to diplomacy conducted by President Trump, three American prisoners now have their
13 freedom again and there is great hope for lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula; now, therefore
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
16 Providence Plantations hereby thanks and congratulates President Trump for his role in securing
17 the release of three detainees from North Korea; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
19 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Donald J. Trump, President of

1 the United States.

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