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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

**COMMEMORATING THE CRANSTON HISTORICAL CEMETERY COMMISSION'S
DEDICATION AT HISTORIC CEMETRY #36 – CAPTAIN PHILIP SHELDON LOT**

Introduced By: Representatives Mattiello, Quattrocchi, Millea, Jacquard, and Lima

Date Introduced: May 01, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Cranston Historical Cemetery Commission was established by the
2 Cranston City Council and is a group of volunteers appointed by the city to locate, assess,
3 document, and supply signage for Cranston's historic cemeteries; and

4 WHEREAS, The Commission also provides leadership for all citizens who volunteer to
5 do work assisting in the maintenance and care of the City's historical cemeteries; and

6 WHEREAS, On May 5, 2019, a ceremony and dedication of the Captain Philip Sheldon
7 Lot will honor four outstanding veterans who helped to secure America's independence, and who
8 are interred there; and

9 WHEREAS, In preparation for the event, extensive restoration work comprised of myriad
10 in-kind donations including, the rebuilding of the stairway down to the cemetery by the
11 Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Local 3, brush clean-up by numerous volunteers, and in-depth
12 research by the Commission in order to identify relatives of the Sheldon Family and honored
13 veterans who served during the American War of Independence, was donated and completed; and

14 WHEREAS, The four heroic veterans being honored are Captain Philip Sheldon, Captain
15 James Hawkins, Captain Elisha Arnold, and Captain Jonathan Pitcher, who is credited as being
16 one of the "Founding Fathers" of the United States Navy; and

17 WHEREAS, The dedication of the Cranston Discovery Network sign which describes the
18 importance of the cemetery is also being unveiled; and

19 WHEREAS, It is fitting and right to pay homage to those Americans who proffered their

1 extraordinary service, sacrifice, and heroics in defense of our freedom, and to maintain and
2 document this austere beautiful place for them to rest for eternity; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
4 Providence Plantations hereby commemorates the Cranston Historical Cemetery Commission's
5 dedication at Historic Cemetery #36 – Captain Philip Sheldon Lot; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Gregg A. Mierka, Chair of the Cranston
8 Historical Cemetery Commission.

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