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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO STUDY AND MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A PLAN AND THE DESIGN OF A VIETNAM MEMORIAL
TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Fellela, Casimiro, Noret, Place, and Abney

Date Introduced: April 29, 2021

Referred To: House Veterans` Affairs

1 WHEREAS, Many Rhode Islanders, across all segments of our State's social and ethnic
2 backgrounds, with over two hundred giving their lives, have served, sacrificed, and bear the
3 legacy of Vietnam and the war in Southeast Asia; and

4 WHEREAS, Rhode Islanders on every front, dedicated in service, in conscience, and in
5 family, stood fast during America's most controversial war and were made to bear the
6 indifference and undeserved disrespect for nothing less than what remains as selfless acts of
7 courage and honor; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That a special legislative commission be and the same is hereby created
9 consisting of nine (9) members: one of whom shall be the Chairman of the House Veterans'
10 Affairs Committee, who shall serve as Chair of the commission; and eight (8) of whom shall be
11 veterans from Rhode Island who have served in the United States Armed Forces, to be appointed
12 by the Speaker of the House.

13 In lieu of any appointment of a member of the legislature to a permanent advisory
14 commission, a legislative study commission, or any commission created by a General Assembly
15 resolution, the appointing authority may appoint a member of the general public to serve in lieu
16 of a legislator, provided that the majority leader or the minority leader of the political party which
17 is entitled to the appointment consents to the member of the general public.

18 The purpose of said commission shall be to make a comprehensive study and provide
19 recommendations for a plan to fund, design and erect a Vietnam Memorial in the City of

1 Providence, Rhode Island, to honor members the United States Armed Forces who died in
2 Vietnam.

3 Forthwith upon passage of this resolution, the members of the commission shall meet at
4 the call of the Speaker of the House and organize.

5 Vacancies in said commission shall be filled in like manner as the original appointment.

6 The membership of said commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

7 All departments and agencies of the state, shall furnish such advice and information,
8 documentary and otherwise, to said commission and its agents as is deemed necessary or
9 desirable by the commission to facilitate the purposes of this resolution.

10 The Speaker of the House is hereby authorized and directed to provide suitable quarters
11 for said commission; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the
13 House of Representatives no later than January 31, 2022, and said commission shall expire on
14 April 30, 2022.

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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This resolution would create a nine (9) member special legislative study commission
- 2 whose purpose it would be to study and make recommendations for a plan and the design of a
- 3 Vietnam Memorial to be located in the City of Providence, Rhode Island, and who would report
- 4 back to the House no later than January 31, 2022, and whose life would expire on April 30, 2022.

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