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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF
SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Introduced By: Senators Felag, Ujifusa, Acosta, E Morgan, Raptakis, Euer, Lauria, and
Bissaillon

Date Introduced: March 22, 2024

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

(Veterans)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 25-2 of the General Laws entitled "Days of Special Observance" is
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **25-2-60. Gold star spouses day.**

4 The fifth day in April in each and every year shall be set aside as a day to be known as
5 "Rhode Island Gold Star Spouses Day." This nation and state owe an enormous debt to the
6 surviving loved ones of military service members who died while serving their country and this
7 day offers remembrance for the spouses and their families and a time of recognition of their
8 sacrifices. The day is to be observed by the people of this state with appropriate exercises in public
9 places, and shall cause a display of the state and American flags to be flown at half-staff over the
10 Rhode Island state house to commemorate this day of remembrance to honor their memory.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide that the fifth day in April in each year be designated as "Rhode
2 Island Gold Star Spouses Day" with appropriate exercises in public places and with flags flown at
3 half-staff over the state house.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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