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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CELEBRATING "ARMED FORCES DAY" ON MAY 17TH, 2025, IN THE  
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,  
Paplauskas, Hopkins, Casimiro, Solomon, Fellela, and Ackerman  
Date Introduced: May 15, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is celebrated each year on the third Saturday in May. It  
2 was created on August 31, 1949, thanks to the efforts of President Harry S. Truman to create a  
3 holiday in honor of all Americans serving in the Armed Forces, which include the United States  
4 Army, the United States Navy, the United States Marine Corps, the United States Air Force, the  
5 United States Coast Guard, and the United States Space Force; and

6 WHEREAS, As of 2023, there were more than 1.32 million active personnel and  
7 approximately 766,044 reserve personnel serving our nation across the globe. These patriots serve  
8 our nation with honor and bravery and often face hostile life-risking situations, and sacrifice  
9 everyday to secure the very freedoms our citizens cherish. They serve in challenging climates and  
10 their families are often required to frequently move and set up life in new communities,  
11 sometimes at a moment's notice. Also, in some instances, a service member is separated from  
12 their family for a lengthy period of time; and

13 WHEREAS, Armed Forces Day is enthusiastically celebrated each year across the nation  
14 with parades, open houses, receptions, air shows, meet-and-greet opportunities, and educational  
15 programs that allow all Americans to show their appreciation for our Armed Forces personnel and  
16 everything they do daily to serve and protect our nation; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
18 heartily honors and celebrates "Armed Forces Day" on May 17th, 2025, and thanks each and  
19 every member of the United States military for their service and for the sacrifices they make for

1     our nation; and be it further

2             RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

3     transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Rhode Island Adjutant General, Brigadier

4     General Andrew J. Chevalier.

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