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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

**EXPRESSING ITS DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF UNITED STATES
MARINE, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS KYLE JOSEPH COUTU**

Introduced By: Representatives Kilmartin, DaSilva, San Bento, JP O`Neill, and Messier

Date Introduced: February 23, 2010

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with heavy hearts and deep despair that we memorialize Private First
2 Class Kyle Joseph Coutu of the United States Marine Corps. We know there is little we can say
3 to comfort his family, friends, and loved ones, but we gather here to honor him for his service to
4 our nation and to reflect on what a strong, kind, and compassionate person he was, and how much
5 everyone who knew him will now miss him; and

6 WHEREAS, Kyle was a lifelong resident of Pawtucket, the son of Melissa A. Coutu. He
7 graduated from William E. Tolman High School in 2009, where he was the Captain of the
8 Football and Wrestling Teams, and also played Hockey. He was remembered fondly by Tolman
9 Principal Frederick Silva as a "natural leader" and "popular kid." Such was his popularity in high
10 school that he was universally described as "The Mayor of Tolman." Kyle also worked at the
11 YMCA as a lifeguard and was a fun person to be around, always ready with a funny joke or
12 observation to lift someone's spirits. Kyle was a loving and respectful young man adored by all
13 who knew him; and

14 WHEREAS, Kyle, driven by a sense of patriotism, duty, and service to his country,
15 enlisted in the United States Marine Corps shortly after high school graduation, fulfilling a goal
16 he had harbored since Freshman year. He completed Boot Camp at Camp LeJune, North
17 Carolina, and was assigned to serve with the 3^d Battalion, 6^h Marine Regiment, 2^d Marine
18 Division. Kyle served his nation with honor, courage, and valor in Afghanistan where he
19 tragically died on February 18, 2010, while fighting the Taliban in Helmand Province,

1 Afghanistan. Kyle lived the Marine Corps values of honor, courage, and commitment, and
2 exemplified the Marine Corps motto of "Semper Fidelis," which means "always faithful"; now,
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of Private First
6 Class Kyle Joseph Coutu of the United States Marine Corps. We offer these condolences to his
7 mother Melissa A. Coutu; his grandparents Ronald and Janice Coutu; his aunts and uncles, Cheryl
8 and John Durkin, Jennifer and Marty Durkin, and Greg and Mary Coutu; his cousins, Cory and
9 Maeve Durkin, Arianna, Lauren, and Riley Coutu; his great-grandmother Claire Coutu; his
10 fiancée Jacqueline DaSilva; and several great-aunts and great-uncles; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Melissa A. Coutu.

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