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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

HOUSE RESOLUTION

POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZING AND COMMEMORATING RHODE ISLAND BORN
CAPTAIN ALBERT MARTIN FOR HIS HEROIC ACTIONS AT THE BATTLE OF THE
ALAMO

Introduced By: Representatives Lombardi, Hull, Giarrusso, Abney, and Corvese

Date Introduced: March 06, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Captain Albert Martin was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1808, son
2 of Joseph S. and Abbey N. Martin. In 1835, he followed his father and older brothers and moved
3 to Gonzales, Texas, where he ran a general store. At this same time, the Texas Revolution was
4 taking place; and

5 WHEREAS, At the start of the Texas Revolution, Captain Martin was one of the "Old
6 Eighteen" defenders of the Gonzales cannon. Their stirring motto and challenge to the Mexican
7 military forces was "Come and Take it." Captain Martin was also part of a force that had
8 surrounded San Antonio De Bexar. By the end of 1835, he was recuperating back in Gonzales,
9 suffering from a foot injury inflicted by an ax; and

10 WHEREAS, In early 1836, the Alamo, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel
11 William Travis, with a force of approximately 150 soldiers, were surrounded by Mexican General
12 Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna's force of approximately 1,800. Captain Martin was asked by
13 Lieutenant Colonel Travis to act as an emissary and visit the Mexican forces, but all attempts for
14 a peaceful resolution were rejected by the Mexican forces. Captain Martin then carried Lieutenant
15 Colonel Travis's famous letter asking for reinforcements, entitled "To the People of Texas" to the
16 courier Launcelot Smither for distribution; and

17 WHEREAS, Captain Martin returned with a relief force to the Alamo, fully knowing that
18 the situation within the Alamo was doomed and that they would not survive the forthcoming
19 attack from General Santa Anna forces. Captain Martin fought bravely at the Alamo and perished

1 on March 6, 1836; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives hereby recognizes and commemorates
3 Captain Albert Martin. He is a cherished part of American and Rhode Island history and his
4 bravery in the cause of liberty should never be forgotten; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to send
6 duly certified copies of this resolution to the Rhode Island Historical Society and the Texas State
7 Historical Association

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