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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMEMORATING THE 1000TH REPAIRED GRAVESTONE OF THE MAJOR SULLIVAN BALLOU CAMP #3 IN THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, AND HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO REPAIR THOSE GRAVE MARKERS

Introduced By: Representatives Shanley, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Place, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Ajello, Fellela, Ackerman, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: March 21, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island remained loyal to the Union during the United
2 States Civil War, supplying the United States Army with 25,236 fighting men, including 1,685
3 who lost their lives fighting to end slavery and preserve the Union; and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Army veterans of the Civil War banded together to form
5 the Grand Army of the Republic, supporting voting rights for black veterans, promoting patriotic
6 education, and helping to make Memorial Day a national holiday; and

7 WHEREAS, The Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, the legal successor to the
8 Grand Army of the Republic, was chartered by an Act of Congress in 1954, to preserve the
9 history and legacy of the United States Armed Forces veterans who fought during the Civil War;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Many gravestones in Rhode Island's historic cemeteries have broken or
12 toppled over due to vandalism or the ravages of time, including those that mark the remains of
13 many Civil War Union veterans; and

14 WHEREAS, The members of Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3 of the Sons of Union
15 Veterans of the Civil War have donated their time and energy to repair and reset the grave
16 markers of both veterans and civilians alike throughout the cemeteries of Rhode Island; and

17 WHEREAS, Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3 recently marked the occasion of its 1000th
18 repaired gravestone, and plans to celebrate the milestone with an outing at Goddard Memorial

1 State Park, which was named for Rhode Island Civil War veteran Robert Goddard; now, therefore
2 be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
4 commemorates the occasion of the 1000th repaired gravestone of Major Sullivan Ballou Camp #3
5 in the Rhode Island Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Moreover, we
6 honor the dedication of those who have volunteered to repair those grave markers; and be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized to transmit duly
9 certified copies of this resolution to Alex Seubert, Camp Commander of Major Sullivan Ballou
10 Camp #3, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Joseph Faiola, Department Commander
11 of the Rhode Island Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

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