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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

SENATE RESOLUTION

**CELEBRATING THE DEDICATION OF THE FIRST VIETNAM VETERANS' MEMORIAL
IN THE TOWN OF LINCOLN**

Introduced By: Senator E O'Neill

Date Introduced: May 18, 2011

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, America is a symbol of freedom and has achieved its stature in the world
2 through the selfless service of our brave veterans. From those who fought in the Revolutionary
3 War to those currently serving in Iraq and Afghanistan, from the Union Soldiers at Gettysburg
4 defending Little Round Top to the soldiers who landed at Omaha Beach, the fearless members of
5 our country's armed forces have given up the comforts of home and the company of loved ones to
6 serve our nation. Many also paid the supreme sacrifice to preserve our freedoms; and

7 WHEREAS, Our Vietnam Veterans fought for our freedom, kept America safe, and
8 dedicated their lives to this nation so that we could live freely in the land of liberty. We are
9 forever grateful for their unwavering strength and courage while fighting in the Vietnam War;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, The Town of Lincoln's new Vietnam Veterans' Memorial expresses our
12 collective gratitude, commemorates Vietnam Veterans' service, and acknowledges their sacrifice
13 and contributions to the life, liberty, and happiness of every Rhode Islander and all Americans;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, All Vietnam War Veterans that are among us today, the POW/MIA's, and
16 the men and women that gave of their lives deserve to be honored and have earned our deepest
17 respect. May the heroism and courage of those who have served and continue to serve our great
18 country always be remembered; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

1 hereby celebrates the dedication of the first Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in the Town of Lincoln;
2 and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of the resolution to the Rhode Island Adjutant General Major
5 General Robert T. Bray.

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