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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO HOLIDAYS AND DAYS OF SPECIAL OBSERVANCE -- DAYS OF  
SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Introduced By: Senators Gu, F. Lombardi, Felag, Lauria, Lawson, and Burke

Date Introduced: March 01, 2024

Referred To: Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 25-2 of the General Laws entitled "Days of Special Observance" is  
2 hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3           **25-2-60. Lowering of flags to half-mast on state buildings to honor first responders.**

4           (a) The governor shall annually order the lowering of flags to half-mast upon the flagstaff  
5 of any state buildings within this state, on a day or days which the governor shall determine, to  
6 honor the passing of first responders who have served the state, including both on-duty and retired  
7 members of the police and fire departments, emergency medical technicians, national guard and  
8 other military units, and all others, in memory of those first responders who have become deceased.

9           (b) As used in this section, the term "flags" includes both the Rhode Island state flag as  
10 defined in § 42-4-3 and the flag of the United States of America as defined in § 11-15-1.

11           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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- 1           This act would direct the governor to select a day and annually order the lowering of flags
- 2   to half-mast on any state buildings to honor the passing of first responders.
- 3           This act would take effect upon passage.

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