

By Mr. Nagle of Northampton, petition of William P. Nagle, Jr., for legislation to recognize the role of the Massachusetts State Guard during World War II. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT RECOGNIZING THE WARTIME ROLE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE GUARD.

- 1     *Whereas*, During World War II, the State Guard assumed the in-
- 2 state mission of the National Guard; and
- 3     *Whereas*, Many residents exemplified the highest type of
- 4 American citizenship by voluntarily serving in the Massachusetts
- 5 State Guard; and
- 6     *Whereas*, Previous efforts to recognize their diligent service were
- 7 incomplete, therefor,

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. The adjutant general, in cooperation with the

2 Massachusetts State Guard, is hereby directed to establish a list of

3 all surviving members of the Massachusetts State Guard that

4 served the Commonwealth during World War II. The adjutant gen-

5 eral shall prepare a World War II state guard service button and

6 shall distribute one such button to each former member of the

7 state guard who served as a member thereof for at least one year

8 during World War II and has been honorably discharged from

9 such service, and for such purpose the adjutant general may

10 expend no more than twenty thousand dollars. The button autho-

11 rized by this act be similar to the button authorized by Chapter 36,

12 Resolves of 1946, but shall not be similar to any button autho-

13 rized to be worn by any veteran of World War II or any other war

14 in which the United States has been engaged.

1     SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

