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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2026

SENATE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE COURAGE, HEROISM, AND COMPASSION OF
THE INDIVIDUALS WHO RENDERED AID DURING THE LYNCH ARENA SHOOTING
IN PAWTUCKET

Introduced By: Senator Thomas J. Paolino

Date Introduced: March 31, 2026

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, This Senate was deeply saddened by the tragic shooting that occurred on
2 February 16, 2026 at Lynch Arena in the City of Pawtucket, and seeks to recognize the
3 extraordinary courage, heroism, and compassion demonstrated by individuals—true Good
4 Samaritans—who responded by rendering aid, protecting others, intervening to stop further
5 violence, and offering comfort during this time of crisis; and

6 WHEREAS, The tragic event unfolded during a high school hockey game, a gathering
7 intended to celebrate student-athletes, and resulted in multiple fatalities and serious injuries,
8 profoundly impacting families, teammates, and the broader community; and

9 WHEREAS, In a moment of sudden chaos, confusion, and fear—when many initially
10 struggled to comprehend the danger—individuals present were forced to make immediate, life-
11 altering decisions; and

12 WHEREAS, In the midst of this crisis, numerous individuals demonstrated extraordinary
13 courage, empathy, and selflessness by placing themselves in harm’s way to assist victims and
14 protect others; and

15 WHEREAS, Michael Black of North Smithfield, Robert Rattenni of North Smithfield,
16 and Ryan Cordeiro of Fall River, Massachusetts, exhibited remarkable bravery by tackling and
17 disarming the shooter, helping to protect others and prevent further harm; and

18 WHEREAS, Chris Librizzi of Warwick, head coach of the Blackstone Valley Schools
19 hockey team and retired Warwick Firefighter and EMT, rendered aid to victims until the scene

1 was cleared and emergency medical personnel were able to enter; and

2 WHEREAS, Glenn Narodowy of North Smithfield, retired Warwick Firefighter and
3 EMT, provided critical assistance to victims until the scene was secured and medics could safely
4 respond; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Ann Rattenni of North Smithfield, a nurse who rendered essential
6 medical aid to the victims until emergency personnel were able to access the scene; and

7 WHEREAS, Kinda Priestley of East Greenwich rendered compassionate aid to victims
8 until the scene was cleared for emergency responders; and

9 WHEREAS, Marcelle Boyes of Greenville/Smithfield offered prayers and comfort to the
10 victims, remaining with them until help could arrive; and

11 WHEREAS, April Lombardi of North Smithfield demonstrated exceptional courage by
12 ushering students to safety, returning inside to offer additional assistance, and providing comfort
13 and prayers to those injured; and

14 WHEREAS, Juliann Riley of North Providence assisted in rendering aid to victims and
15 provided prayers and comfort during a time of profound distress; and

16 WHEREAS, The effects of this tragedy extended far beyond the arena, touching
17 communities across Rhode Island and prompting an outpouring of grief, unity, and support; and

18 WHEREAS, In the days and weeks following the tragedy, the resilience of students,
19 families, and the community has stood as a testament to strength, humanity, and solidarity in the
20 face of devastating loss; and

21 WHEREAS, The actions of these individuals exemplify the very highest ideals of
22 community, as Good Samaritans who, without hesitation, placed the safety and well-being of
23 others above their own, acting with bravery, compassion, and selflessness in the face of
24 immediate danger, and providing both critical assistance and comfort during a moment of
25 profound crisis; now, therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest
27 gratitude and recognition to Chris Librizzi, Glenn Narodowy, Mary Ann Rattenni, Robert
28 Rattenni, Michael Black, Ryan Cordeiro, Kinda Priestley, Marcelle Boyes, April Lombardi, and
29 Juliann Riley for their heroic and noble actions during the Lynch Arena shooting in the City of
30 Pawtucket; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
32 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Chris Librizzi, Glenn Narodowy, Mary Ann
33 Rattenni, Robert Rattenni, Michael Black, Ryan Cordeiro, Kinda Priestley, Marcelle Boyes,

1 April Lombardi, and Juliann Riley.

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