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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**EXPRESSING OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF COVENTRY
POLICE DETECTIVE WAYNE FRENCH**

Introduced By: Representatives Guthrie, Tomasso, Chippendale, and Serpa

Date Introduced: January 05, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this House of Representatives has learned of the
2 untimely and tragic passing of Coventry Police Detective Wayne French. He was a dedicated
3 public servant who devoted his life to protecting the public. He was beloved and highly respected
4 by all who knew him and will be sorely missed by family and friends; and

5 WHEREAS, Detective French was born in Cranston, a son of the late Lemuel and
6 Blanche (Paliotta) French. He was a twenty-year veteran of the Coventry Police Department and
7 had served in the Detective Division since 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, Wayne was an avid outdoorsman who loved to run, hike, fish, tend his
9 garden, and relax on the pond. He enjoyed good food immensely, whether it was eating at a fine
10 restaurant or cooking a gourmet meal. He was also a big Red Sox and Patriots fan; and

11 WHEREAS, Detective French was the beloved fiancée of Tammy Hicks and former
12 husband of Karen French, both of Coventry. He is also survived by his children, Crystal French,
13 and Christopher French of Coventry, his siblings, Garry French, Sr., of Coventry, and Gail French
14 of New Jersey. He was the Uncle of Garry French, Jr., Kim French, Alea French and Kerry
15 Casey; and

16 WHEREAS, We deeply mourn the untimely passing of Detective Wayne French, thank
17 him for his distinguished service protecting the public as a Coventry Police Officer, and pray that
18 his family and friends can find peace in the memory of a wonderful father, friend, uncle, and
19 public servant; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its deepest regrets on the passing of Coventry Police
3 Detective Wayne French, and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Crystal French, Christopher French, and
6 Tammy Hicks.

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