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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF PROVIDENCE POLICE
SERGEANT MAXWELL DORLEY

Introduced By: Senators Lombardo, Ciccone, Ruggerio, Goodwin, and Metts

Date Introduced: April 26, 2012

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Each day, police officers go to work with the full knowledge that they may
2 be called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice as they perform their duties. They demonstrate their
3 courage, tenacity, and commitment to making their surroundings safe, never knowing in advance
4 if they will emerge unscathed after putting themselves in harm's way; and

5 WHEREAS, It is with deepest regret and profound sadness that we must accept the
6 passing of Providence Police Sergeant Maxwell Dorley, who was killed in the line of duty on
7 Thursday, April 19, 2012; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Dorley left his homeland of Liberia as a child. He became drawn
9 to a profession dedicated to ensuring that when wrong is done, justice is served. It was this same
10 intense sense of righteousness that compelled him to return recently to his war-torn homeland and
11 bring supplies that could improve the lives and safety of those living there; and

12 WHEREAS, During Seargent Dorley's fifteen-year career as a Providence Police Officer,
13 he was known as a man who was deeply devoted to his family, friends, and colleagues. Over the
14 years, his abilities, accomplishments, and leadership were recognized through twelve citations
15 and numerous letters of recommendation; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant Dorley's hard work, dedication, and most importantly, his
17 friendship, made his job and the lives of his family, friends, and co-workers more meaningful;
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19 WHEREAS, Sergeant Dorley dared to exert his energies every day to make Providence a

1 better place by defending the vulnerable, safeguarding neighborhoods, preserving justice, and
2 supporting his fellow police officers. His sacrifice reminds us that we must never take our safety
3 for granted; and

4 WHEREAS, A loving husband, dedicated father of two children, supportive friend,
5 partner, and true professional, Sergeant Dorley leaves an example that inspires entire
6 communities throughout the state. He is a hero not because of how he died, but because of how he
7 chose to live his life in unselfish service to others. He will be sorely missed; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
9 hereby expresses our deepest sympathy to the family of Sergeant Maxwell Dorley. He truly made
10 a difference in this world; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Sergeant Dorley's wife, Mrs. Kou Dorley, and
13 their two children, Amanda and Robert.

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