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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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

HONORING THE COVENTRY AIR FORCE JROTC PROGRAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS OF COVENTRY FOR OVER 40 YEARS, AND ALSO HONORING ROTC CADETS LIEUTENANT COLONEL MASON RAPOSA, CAPTAIN ARAM HINZ, AND SECOND LIEUTENANT HANNAH REID

Introduced By: Representatives Chippendale, and Tomasso

Date Introduced: April 15, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, For more than forty years, thanks in part to the superb current leadership
2 and instruction provided by Steven G. Buteau, Colonel, USAF (Ret), a Senior Aerospace Science
3 Instructor for six years at Coventry High School, and Marc L. Boulay, Master Sergeant, USAF
4 (Ret), an Aerospace Science Instructor for eight years at Coventry High School, the Coventry Air
5 Force JROTC program has helped young men and women interested in military service to take
6 their first steps towards attaining the necessary skills to ensure a successful military career or
7 achievement in other endeavors. By successfully completing their training and course work, each
8 cadet begins to develop their leadership skills, learns to become self-reliant, improves their
9 physical fitness, and begins to understand the value and importance of personal responsibility.
10 They also learn more about citizenship and the value of patriotism and service to one's country,
11 while at the same time improving their ability to communicate, learning how to work effectively
12 as a member of a team, and gaining a greater appreciation for the United States Armed Forces and
13 its role in support of attaining national objectives and securing our freedoms; and

14 WHEREAS, Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Mason Raposa is an outstanding young man and
15 cadet. He was the Cadet Commander for the Rhode Island 081st AFJROTC at Coventry High
16 School. He was also a member of the Championship RI-081st AFJROTC Falcon Drill Team
17 where he served for three years as Inspection Team Commander and one year as the Exhibition
18 Team Commander. He earned nine individual drill excellence awards and was a member of two

1 nationally ranked AFJROTC drill teams. He was also a member of the community color guard
2 and the unit honor guard. Additionally, he performed more than 100 hours of community service
3 at the local level in support of veteran's organizations. In honor of his outstanding four year
4 record as a cadet at Coventry High School, Cadet Raposa was named the recipient of the
5 American Legion General Military Excellence Award, the Reserve Officers Association Award,
6 was selected as the 2011 Freshman Cadet of the year, and the Junior Cadet of the Year for 2013.
7 He will continue his studies this fall at Johnson & Wales University; and

8 WHEREAS, Cadet Captain Aram Hinz, a member of the Community Color Guard and
9 Honor Guard, served as Commander of the 2014 Air Force Junior ROTC Falcon Drill Team,
10 Vice-Commander of the 2013 Air Force Junior ROTC Falcon Drill Team, and was the Regulation
11 Drill Team Commander for 2013/2014. He was the recipient of seven individual drill awards and
12 was a member of two United States Air Force nationally ranked drill teams. Cadet Hinz
13 performed more than 100 hours of community service in support of a local community and
14 veteran's organizations. He is the recipient of the Veterans of Foreign Wars award and the
15 Outstanding Cadet Award. He will leave in July to serve in the United States Army as a Satellite
16 Communications Technician; and

17 WHEREAS, Cadet Second Lieutenant Hannah Reid, a member of the Falcon Drill Team
18 for the last three years, has served as Squad Leader, Flight Commander, and Color Guard Bearer.
19 She received one national drill competition medal, and has served on the Community Color
20 Guard, where she completed more than 25 hours of community service. She will continue her
21 studies this fall at college; now, therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
23 Providence Plantations hereby honors the Coventry Air Force JROTC program for its outstanding
24 service to the students of Coventry for over forty years; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That this House hereby honors Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Mason Raposa,
26 Cadet Captain Aram Hinz, and Cadet Second Lieutenant Hannah Reid; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
28 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Mason Raposa, Cadet
29 Captain Aram Hinz, and Cadet Second Lieutenant Hannah Reid.

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