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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING THE EAST GREENWICH FIRST RESPONDERS FOR  
SAVING ANTHONY PETRONE'S LIFE AFTER HE COLLAPSED DURING VOLLEYBALL  
PRACTICE

Introduced By: Representative Antonio Giarrusso

Date Introduced: June 11, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Anthony Petrone, a seventeen year old student athlete in his junior year at  
2 East Greenwich High School and the beloved son of Keelin and Joe Petrone, collapsed to the  
3 floor on March 31, 2014, while participating in Volleyball practice. He was not conscious, he was  
4 not responding, and he had suffered cardiac arrest. Thanks to the diligent and immediate response  
5 he received from the East Greenwich staff, public service professionals, and his fellow  
6 teammates, he survived and is on the road to recovery; and

7           WHEREAS, During volleyball practice on March 31, 2014, Anthony Petrone appeared to  
8 be having trouble breathing. Assistant Coach Mike Penza's quick instinctual response kept  
9 Anthony from falling to the floor and further injuring himself. Head Coach Terry Garno quickly  
10 recognized the urgency of the situation and sent team Co-Captain Chris Sgrignari running to get  
11 East Greenwich High School Sports Trainer Tim Crandall. Mr. Crandall immediately provided  
12 CPR and administered shocks via one of the school's portable defibrillators, while Co-Captain  
13 Paul Andreson called 911. Tim Crandall's rapid lifesaving actions were vital and critical to  
14 Anthony's survival; and

15           WHEREAS, The East Greenwich Fire Department quickly responded to the distress call.  
16 Lieutenants Bill Purcell, and Keith Hall, and Firefighters Bill Marsh and Dan Andrade arrived on  
17 the scene and worked on Anthony, delivering multiple shocks to keep him alive, while School  
18 Resource Officer Bert Montalban was pressed into service and drove the Rescue vehicle to Kent  
19 Hospital. Chief Russell McGillivray coordinated the efforts of the firefighters at the High School

1 and at Kent Hospital; and

2 WHEREAS, Anthony Petrone was first taken to Kent Hospital and was later transferred  
3 to Hasbro Children's Hospital. East Greenwich Athletic Director Chris Cobain, High School  
4 Principal Mike Podraza, Fire Chief Russell McGillivray and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Victor  
5 Mercurio immediately raced to Kent Hospital to provide support to the Petrone Family.  
6 Anthony's teammates and coaches also visited him many times and offered immeasurable support  
7 to him and his family; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
9 Providence Plantations hereby honors and thanks the East Greenwich first responders for saving  
10 Anthony Petrone's life after he collapsed during volleyball practice. Furthermore, we wish  
11 Anthony Petrone a full recovery and good health, happiness and a long and prosperous future;  
12 and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit certified copies of this resolution to Keelin and Joe Petrone, East Greenwich Sports  
15 Trainer Tim Crandall, East Greenwich High School Principal Mike Podraza, and East Greenwich  
16 Fire Chief Russ McGillivray.

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