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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING SERGEANT PAUL H. BROUSSEAU ON THE OCCASION OF HIS  
RETIREMENT FROM THE PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Guthrie, Serpa, Almeida, and Carnevale

Date Introduced: June 20, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Throughout history, our nation has been propitiously blessed with men and  
2 women who are willing to step forward and safeguard the freedoms and liberties we hold so dear.  
3 These often unsung heroes go about the day-to-day task of upholding the laws of this state and it  
4 is fitting that we recognize their value and myriad contributions; and

5           WHEREAS, Paul Brousseau is a graduate of West Warwick High School and received  
6 his Associate's degree and subsequently, his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Bryant  
7 University. He and his wife Maureen currently make their home in the City of Warwick; and

8           WHEREAS, To the very good fortune of the citizens of Providence, on June 14, 1981,  
9 Mr. Brousseau was appointed to the Providence Police Department and assigned to the Uniform  
10 Division. After being transferred to the Tactical Bureau, he was promoted to the rank of  
11 Detective; and

12           WHEREAS, By consistently demonstrating integrity and outstanding leadership skills,  
13 Detective Brousseau rose through the ranks. In December of 1988, he was promoted to the rank  
14 of Sergeant and assigned to the Uniform Division, and was later assigned to the Neighborhood  
15 Response Team and the Public Housing Unit on the Uniform Division. On April 1st of 2003,  
16 Sergeant Brousseau transferred to the Prosecution Bureau as a member of the Administrative  
17 Staff; and

18           WHEREAS, If called upon, today's police officers must not only be willing and able to  
19 "Protect and Serve," they must also be ready to step into deadly situations with proficiency and

1 with little regard for their own safety. Sergeant Brousseau has earned numerous awards and  
2 honors for his service including the Mayor's Award, two Chief's awards, two American Legion  
3 awards, and myriad memoranda of merit and letters of commendation; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Brousseau is "an officer and a gentleman" and the citizenry of  
5 Providence and Rhode Island lead far safer and more secure lives due to his outstanding police  
6 work. His dedication to duty and respect for his fellow police officers will be sorely missed,  
7 although there is little doubt that in his heart he will always be part of the force and a brother in  
8 blue; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
10 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes, honors, and thanks Sergeant Paul H. Brousseau on the  
11 occasion of his retirement after thirty-three years of steadfast and unselfish service to the people  
12 of Providence and the State of Rhode Island. We wish him good health, fulfillment, and  
13 continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Providence Police Sergeant Paul Brousseau.

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