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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING THE COVENTRY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE
CENTRAL COVENTRY FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR EXEMPLARY SERVICE
SAVING THE LIVES OF TWO PEOPLE SUFFERING FROM A SUSPECTED OPIOID
DRUG OVERDOSE ON THE NIGHT OF MARCH 30, 2014

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, Kettle, Cool Rumsey, Archambault, and Algieri

Date Introduced: April 08, 2014

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Everyday someone in the United States has their life saved by a Firefighter,
2 Police Officer and other First Responders. Firefighters, Police Officers and First Responders are
3 highly trained and educated professionals who work tirelessly and often risk their lives in service
4 to others. These dedicated individuals perform duties that are vital to the well-being of our
5 neighborhoods and communities; and

6 WHEREAS, Rhode Island is currently suffering from an epidemic of overdose deaths
7 due to the illegal use of heroin and opiates. In 2012, one hundred and eighty people died from
8 overdoses of heroin and opiates, and the number of such fatalities in Rhode Island is expected to
9 exceed three hundred and twenty deaths in 2014; and

10 WHEREAS, On March 30, 2014, an emergency phone call was received in Coventry
11 reporting that two people were possibly suffering from a drug overdose. Arriving quickly on the
12 scene were Coventry Police Officers, Sergeant David Nelson, Officer Robert Jacavone, Officer
13 Jadine Ferri and Officer Michael DeLuca. Upon their arrival, they quickly assessed and stabilized
14 the situation and helped to clear the airway of the young male in question; and

15 WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Central Coventry Firefighters, Captain Russell Giles,
16 Firefighter David Simpson, Lieutenant Ronald Preston, and Firefighter Benjamin Octeau, along
17 with backup from Lieutenant Ted Dion, Firefighter Joseph Borquin, Lieutenant Robert Paul and
18 Firefighter Derek Foster, arrived on the scene. When they arrived they found two people, a young

1 woman and a young man, lying on the floor and unresponsive to any commands. The twenty-
2 three year old female had no blood pressure and was in respiratory arrest; and

3 WHEREAS, The Central Coventry Firefighters made a rapid assessment of this dire
4 situation and promulgated a treatment plan in line with Rhode Island EMS protocols. The young
5 male immediately responded to medical treatment and was transported to Kent County Memorial
6 Hospital. The young female's condition was far more severe but thanks to the exemplary life-
7 saving care provided by these devoted first responders, her blood pressure and respirations were
8 restored within five minutes and shortly thereafter, while she was en route to the hospital,
9 additional improvements were made in her vital signs and level of consciousness; and

10 WHEREAS, Thanks to the exemplary actions of these Coventry Police Officers and
11 Firefighters, all of whom literally arrived within 5 minutes of receiving the emergency phone call,
12 the lives of two young individuals were saved. The citizens of Coventry are blessed to have these
13 highly trained and dedicated professionals serving their community; now, therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
15 hereby honors and thanks Coventry Police Officers, Sergeant David Nelson, Officer Robert
16 Jacavone, Officer Jadine Ferri, Officer Michael DeLuca and Central Coventry Firefighters,
17 Captain Russell Giles, Firefighter David Simpson, Lieutenant Ronald Preston, Firefighter
18 Benjamin Oceau, Lieutenant Ted Dion, Firefighter Joseph Borquin, Lieutenant Robert Paul and
19 Firefighter Derek Foster for saving the lives of two people on March 30, 2014; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
21 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Coventry Police Officers, Sergeant David
22 Nelson, Officer Robert Jacavone, Officer Jadine Ferri, Officer Michael DeLuca, and Central
23 Coventry Firefighters, Captain Russell Giles, Firefighter David Simpson, Lieutenant Ronald
24 Preston, Firefighter Benjamin Oceau, Lieutenant Ted Dion, Firefighter Joseph Borquin,
25 Lieutenant Robert Paul, and Firefighter Derek Foster.

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