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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NASONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Newberry, and Keable

Date Introduced: February 11, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Nasonville Fire Department was created in 1940 when various
2 community leaders recognized the growing need for fire protection services. As a result, an
3 organizational meeting was held in St. Therese's Church on January 23, 1940, and C. Harry
4 Murphy was appointed temporary President and Wilfred J. Bilodeau was appointed temporary
5 Secretary; and

6 WHEREAS, On February 18, 1940, an association was formed when thirty men from the
7 villages of Mohegan, Nasonville, Mt. Pleasant, and Tarklin volunteered to be firemen and created
8 a Fire Department with officers to be elected in 1940 and reelected in 1941; and

9 WHEREAS, The post office at that time was located in Nasonville and therefore it was
10 decided by vote to name the new fire department the "Nasonville Volunteer Fire Department."
11 Within a year of its creation, the new fire department acquired a new fire engine and built a fire
12 station on land that was donated by the Stillwater Worsted Company. Funding for the department
13 in the first few years was dependent upon the holding of various fundraisers until February of
14 1943, when the Nasonville Fire District was chartered and the collection of taxes began; and

15 WHEREAS, The first Nasonville Fire Department Fire Station was located on Douglas
16 Pike and was used for twenty-four years. However, when new and heavier equipment was
17 purchased, a new bay station was built on Victory Highway in 1965, and a two bay addition has
18 since been added; and

19 WHEREAS, The Nasonville Fire Department currently maintains a roster of
20 approximately thirty-five members. It has two engines, one advanced life support ambulance, one

1 brush tanker, and one attack truck/command vehicle. The dedicated members of the Nasonville
2 Fire Department work tirelessly and selflessly every day to protect the lives and property of the
3 people living in the community; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby joyously celebrates the 75th Anniversary of the Nasonville Fire
6 Department; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Chief Augustine Eddy.

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