

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND COMMENDING THE INITIATIVE AND ACTIONS OF THE MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE THAT APPREHENDED AND CHARGED NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS WITH ROBBERY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING

Introduced By: Senators Gallo, Miller, Lombardi, Lynch Prata, and Ciccone

Date Introduced: January 19, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of our state rely on local police department personnel to provide
2 protection and security for their lives and their homes at all times of the day and night, each and
3 every day of the year. Oftentimes these efforts go unnoticed; and

4 WHEREAS, Recently, a Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force that included officers from four
5 cities and towns, as well as the Department of Corrections, combined their insight, talents, and
6 manpower to apprehend and charge numerous individuals with breaking and entering; and

7 WHEREAS, Lt. Michael Pezzullo played a key role in establishing the task force. In
8 2011, he noted an increase in breaking and entering crimes in the City of Cranston. He then
9 initiated a series of steps to specifically target an investigation into these crimes which included
10 coordinating his efforts with additional agencies and officers from other jurisdictions; and

11 WHEREAS, Through their investigations and diligence, the resultant task force which
12 consisted of Cranston Police Officers, Lt. Michael Pezzullo, Det. Erik Baccari, Det. Jamie Cahill,
13 Warwick Police Officers, Det. Sean Turcotte, Det. Thomas DiGregorio, Det. Timothy Grant, East
14 Greenwich Police Officers, Det. Sgt. Jon Chirnside (recently retired), Sgt. Glenn Terelli, Det.
15 Dave Black, Scituate Police Officer, Sgt. Donald Delaere, Jr., and Department of Corrections
16 Police Officer, Special Investigator Nuno Figueiredo, was successful in recovering thousands of
17 dollars in cash, stolen jewelry, and electronics; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, surveillance and strong police work by the members of the Task
19 Force led to the apprehension and incarceration of a serial felon, who had once again begun to

1 pursue his nefarious breaking and entering activities. Due to their efforts, he was subsequently
2 apprehended and is once again incarcerated; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
4 hereby extends heartfelt gratitude and praise to members of the Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force
5 for a job well done. We furthermore applaud their hard work and dedication for ridding our
6 communities of these scurrilous and dangerous individuals; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Cranston Police Officers, Lt. Michael Pezzullo,
9 Det. Erik Baccari, Det. Jamie Cahill, Warwick Police Officers, Det. Sean Turcotte, Det. Thomas
10 DiGregorio, Det. Timothy Grant, East Greenwich Police Officers, Det. Sgt. Jon Chirnside
11 (recently retired), Sgt. Glenn Terelli, Det. Dave Black, Scituate Police Officer, Sgt. Donald
12 Delaere, Jr., and Department of Corrections Police Officer, Special Investigator Nuno Figueiredo,

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