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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF JAMESTOWN
POLICE OFFICER RYAN J. BOURQUE

Introduced By: Senators Kettle, Raptakis, Paiva Weed, Archambault, and Morgan

Date Introduced: June 02, 2016

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the tragic passing of
2 Jamestown Police Officer Ryan J. Bourque, the beloved son of Lee Ann and Gary Bourque, a
3 well-respected one-year veteran with the Jamestown Police Department, and a resident of the
4 Town of Coventry; and

5 WHEREAS, Patrolman Bourque was a 2009 graduate of Bishop Hendricken High School
6 and had continued his education at the University of Rhode Island. He was a 2015 graduate of
7 the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy and a fitness enthusiast who kept in shape lifting
8 weights; and

9 WHEREAS, Patrolman Bourque was a valued member of the Jamestown Police
10 Department, a small force that employs 13 full-time officers. He was described as the kind of
11 young man you would want your sons to emulate, and as a humble, quiet and respectful guy, who
12 always had a smile on his face and was well-liked by all who knew him; and

13 WHEREAS, Patrolman Bourque had just finished up his 3-to-11 p.m. shift, completing
14 his first year on the job with the Jamestown Police Department, and was headed home on Route
15 95 south, when his car was struck by a motorist who had made an illegal U-turn, and was driving
16 north, going the wrong way in the same lane as Patrolman Bourque. The collision that ensued
17 resulted in the death of both drivers; and

18 WHEREAS, Ryan Bourque had long aspired to be a police officer and to go about the
19 day-to-day task of upholding the laws of this state. He had wanted to connect with people and

1 was gratified to be able to "Protect and Serve" the lives and property of the people of Jamestown;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Dedicated and conscientious, Patrolman Ryan Bourque was an
4 extraordinary man who serves as a role model for our young people. He will be dearly missed;
5 now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby recognizes and honors the dedicated service of Jamestown Police Officer Ryan J. Bourque
8 and extends our deepest sympathies to his entire family on his passing; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Chief Edward A. Mello, Jamestown Police
11 Department.

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