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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

THANKING AND HONORING PROVIDENCE FIREFIGHTERS, FIRE LIEUTENANT THOMAS GEREMIA, COREY CHOUINARD, SONNY GLORIA AND JOHN WHEELER, JR., RESCUE CAPTAIN DAVID PALUMBO, AND RESCUE TECHNICIANS JOHN TIERNEY, BRIAN MELLO AND EDWARD SILVESTRE FOR SAVING THE LIFE OF AN INFANT

Introduced By: Senators Ruggerio, Goodwin, Paiva Weed, Ciccone, and Metts

Date Introduced: January 11, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, On Wednesday morning, August 17, 2016, Providence Firefighters from
2 Engine 12 and Rescue 4 rushed to respond to a call from a home on Crandall Street with a report
3 of a child not being able to breathe. According to Acting Battalion Chief Stephen Capracotta, a
4 seven-month-old infant girl nearly drowned in a bathtub and was unresponsive; and

5 WHEREAS, The arriving firefighters and rescue crew immediately began resuscitation
6 efforts while simultaneously leading her into an infant rescue transport. They removed a lot of
7 water from the infant's lungs and gave her an intravenous injection as they rushed her to Hasbro
8 Children's Hospital but the infant was still unresponsive. However, just as one of the firefighters
9 was rushing towards the emergency doors, with the baby cradled in his arms, the baby started
10 crying and he saw that she was breathing; and

11 WHEREAS, Thanks to the hard work and dedicated professionalism of Fire Lieutenant
12 Thomas Geremia, Firefighter Corey Chouinard, Firefighter Sonny Gloria, Firefighter John
13 Wheeler, Jr., Rescue Captain David Palumbo, and Rescue Technicians John Tierney, Brian Mello
14 and Edward Silvestre, an infant girl's life was saved. Perhaps Firefighter John Wheeler Jr.,
15 summed it up best, stating that saving this child's life was "the best feeling ever;" now, therefore
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
18 hereby thanks and congratulates Fire Lieutenant Thomas Geremia, Firefighters Corey Chouinard,

1 Sonny Gloria and John Wheeler, Jr., Rescue Captain David Palumbo, and Rescue Technicians
2 John Tierney, Brian Mello and Edward Silvestre for their heroic efforts on the morning of August
3 17, 2016, when they saved the life of a seven month old infant; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Fire Lieutenant Thomas Geremia, Firefighters
6 Corey Chouinard, Sonny Gloria, and John Wheeler, Jr., Rescue Captain David Palumbo, and
7 Rescue Technicians John Tierney, Brian Mello and Edward Silvestre.

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