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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING PARAMEDIC JEREMY GRABER FOR HIS HEROIC
ACTIONS AND GREAT BRAVERY IN ASSISTING A MASSACHUSETTS STATE
TROOPER IN DISTRESS

Introduced By: Representatives Morin, Mattiello, Shekarchi, Phillips, and Casey

Date Introduced: January 30, 2020

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Paramedic Jeremy Graber, a veteran who served our nation with distinction
2 in the United States Army, was on duty on November 11, 2019, when he was dispatched to a 2
3 a.m. 911 call to the Town of Millbury, Massachusetts. En route to the call, his ALS unit
4 encountered a Massachusetts State Trooper in great distress. He was on the ground in an unlit
5 section of I-290, struggling to gain control of a suspect. The Trooper was separated from his radio
6 and was unable to call for assistance; and

7 WHEREAS, Paramedic Graber had his partner contact dispatch to coordinate the sending
8 of another rescue to the Town of Millbury and to attain law enforcement assistance to their
9 location on the highway. Mr. Graber exited his vehicle to assist the State Trooper, and had to
10 enter the highway and expose himself to dangerous traffic; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Graber proceeded to help place the suspect against the median, after
12 which the exhausted Trooper released his grip. The result was a dangerous struggle between Mr.
13 Graber and the suspect, in which Mr. Graber was able to maintain control of the individual in
14 order to protect himself and the Trooper. During this struggle, Mr. Graber also noticed that the
15 suspect had produced an object from his pocket, which he could not identify. He then disarmed
16 the suspect and kicked what turned out to be a box cutter into the roadway; and

17 WHEREAS, Several minutes later, EMT Tetteh and the State Trooper were able to
18 restrain the suspect with handcuffs. Mr. Graber was taken to the hospital to get medical help for a
19 shoulder injury incurred during the struggle; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Graber represents all that we admire and revere about our first
2 responders. He personally disregarded his own safety in order to help protect a State Trooper in
3 great danger and to help subdue a dangerous suspect; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby honors and thanks Paramedic Jeremy Graber for his heroic actions
6 on the night of November 11, 2019. We furthermore wish him continued success in all his future
7 endeavors; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Jeremy Graber.

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