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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING BATTALION CHIEF KEN BROUSSEAU OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Giraldo, McLaughlin, Barros, and Casey

Date Introduced: February 23, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, In the evening hours on January 11th of 2020, the Central Falls Fire Alarm
2 Office received a Box Alarm. Fire companies were sent out under the direction of Battalion Chief
3 Ken Brousseau, the shift commander, who arrived first at a large apartment building set back
4 from the main road on Cross Street in Central Falls; and

5 WHEREAS, As Chief Brousseau approached the building's alarm panel, he encountered
6 smoke in the first-floor hallway and occupants armed with a fire extinguisher. They told the Chief
7 that apartment 103 was on fire and the occupant was still inside; and

8 WHEREAS, As Chief Brousseau entered the smoke filled apartment, he could see an
9 elderly man lying on the floor. He quickly reached the unconsciousness man and pulled him to
10 safety as Members of Ladder 1, under the command of Captain Sam Dyman, arrived and assisted
11 in bringing the man to the stairway lobby. He soon regained consciousness and was quickly
12 transported to the hospital where he was treated and eventually released. The Chief's quick
13 actions surely saved the man from serious life-altering injuries or even death; and

14 WHEREAS, Chief Brousseau together with the on-duty shift finished extinguishing the
15 fire and searched the large apartment building for any other occupants. Their efforts resulted in
16 limited damage to other apartments in the building which allowed tenants to return to their homes
17 later that same evening; and

18 WHEREAS, Sir Winston Churchill was quoted as saying, "We make a living by what we
19 get, we make a life by what we give." There is no doubt that Battalion Chief Brousseau and

1 members of the on-duty shift from that fateful night gave their best effort and they have truly
2 distinguished themselves as persons worthy of our utmost admiration and gratitude; now,
3 therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
5 recognizes Battalion Chief Ken Brousseau for his heroic actions in saving the life of an elderly
6 man and thanking him and all the on-duty fire fighters who assisted for their dedication and
7 service to the people of the City of Central Falls and the State; 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 Battalion Chief Ken Brousseau.

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