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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING LT. KENNETH MARCOTTE, FIREFIGHTER GREGORY FRANCIS, LT. RAYMOND GERVAIS AND FIREFIGHTER JOSHUA MCALLISTER FOR THEIR TIMELY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIONS BRINGING A NEW LIFE INTO THE WORLD

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, O'Brien, Casimiro, Kazarian, Chippendale, Roberts, Nardone, and Casey

Date Introduced: June 23, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Being a firefighter is considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the  
2 United States; It is also oftentimes, one of the most rewarding; and

3 WHEREAS, A little before noontime, on Friday, June 18, 2021, members of the Central  
4 Coventry Fire District, Lt. Kenneth Marcotte, Firefighter Gregory Francis, Lt. Raymond Gervais  
5 and Firefighter Joshua McAllister, answered a call from a woman in active labor; and

6 WHEREAS, Arriving on the scene, the firefighters and rescue personnel found the  
7 woman on the second floor conscious, alert and oriented and about to have her fourth child. They  
8 quickly carried her down to the waiting rescue, and departed for Kent County Hospital with Lt  
9 Gervais from Engine 7 driving rescue and Firefighter McAllister joining Lt. Marcotte and  
10 Firefighter Francis in monitoring her vitals and providing care for the woman; and

11 WHEREAS, A short five minutes into the transport, it became apparent that the baby had  
12 decided not to wait until they arrived at the hospital, and with the assistance of the crew lead by  
13 Lt. Marcotte, a beautiful and perfectly healthy baby boy was born, and shortly thereafter, the  
14 Rescue 7 team along with their patients, arrived at the Kent Hospital Emergency Department who  
15 took over the care of both patients; and

16 WHEREAS, Rhode Island's firefighters and rescue personnel are not men and women  
17 merely worth knowing – they are people to admire, respect and honor who are deserving of our  
18 gratitude, admiration, and recognition for augmenting our hopes and dreams for the security of

1 our homes, children, and loved ones; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
3 recognizes and honors Lt. Kenneth Marcotte, Firefighter Gregory Francis, Lt. Raymond Gervais  
4 and Firefighter Joshua McAllister for their heroic and clear-headed actions. They are truly an  
5 inspiration to us all and we extend best wishes for their future happiness, success, and good  
6 health; 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 Lt. Kenneth Marcotte, Firefighter Gregory  
9 Francis, Lt. Raymond Gervais and Firefighter Joshua McAllister.

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