

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF WOONSOCKET  
DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF ROGER E. PERREAULT

Introduced By: Senator Melissa A. Murray

Date Introduced: January 31, 2023

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, It is with deep sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Roger  
2 E. Perreault of Blackstone, Massachusetts. He was the son of Constance Perreault and the late  
3 Roger Perreault, Sr., and was the beloved husband of Dale Perreault; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Perreault was a graduate of Roger Williams University, attaining a  
5 Bachelor's degree in public administration. He was a devoted public servant with a long and  
6 distinguished career as a firefighter for the City of Woonsocket. He dedicated his life in service to  
7 others and tirelessly strove to protect and ensure the safety of his family, fellow firefighters, and  
8 the citizens of Woonsocket; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Perreault had most recently served as the Deputy Fire Chief of the  
10 Woonsocket Fire Department. He was held in high regard by his peers and colleagues for his  
11 tireless work ethic, for acting as a father figure for many of the new and younger firefighters, and  
12 for training many of the first responders in both Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Mayor Lisa  
13 Baldelli-Hunt had high praise for Deputy Chief Perreault, stating, "If it weren't for being elected,  
14 I would never had the pleasure of having Roger in my life as a professional counterpart in our  
15 City, and I feel blessed that I was able to work with the Deputy Chief, over the last nine years";  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Perreault was a member of the Rhode Island Fire Chiefs Association,  
18 the IAFF Local #732, and served as the Treasurer and Secretary for the Woonsocket Firefighters  
19 Relief Association. He also served as an instructor for the Rhode Island Division of Emergency

1 Medical Services, was a registered nurse and was a talented woodworker; and

2 WHEREAS, In addition to his wife, Dale, and mother, Constance, Mr. Perreault leaves  
3 behind his son, Luke Perreault, and granddaughter, Lillian "Billie" Perreault. He also leaves  
4 behind his sisters, Lisa Buckley and her husband, Mike, and Paula Ryan and her husband,  
5 Christopher, his brother-in-law, Michael Derois, and his wife, Liz, and his nieces and nephews,  
6 Kate Buckley, Lauren Cole, Oliver Ryan, Jennifer Nicely, Jonathan Derois, and Jeremy Derois;  
7 now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby expresses its deepest  
9 condolences on the passing of Deputy Fire Chief Roger E. Perreault; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Dale Perreault and Family, and Mrs.  
12 Constance Perreault and Family.

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