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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**HONORING JOHN F. MCKENNA FOR FIFTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE
WITH THE DEFIANCE HOSE COMPANY NO. 1**

Introduced By: Representatives Gallison, and Morrison

Date Introduced: January 18, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, John F. McKenna has served the Defiance Hose Company No. 1 as a
2 firefighter since joining the company on June 1st of 1960. Over the past five decades, he has
3 demonstrated integrity, diligence, and professional conduct towards his colleagues and within the
4 department, and has earned the respect of all who have served with him; and

5 WHEREAS, The townspeople of Bristol and neighboring communities have witnessed,
6 benefited, and enjoyed peace of mind because of John McKenna's reliability, loyalty, and his
7 numerous deeds of valor that have gone far beyond the call of duty; and

8 WHEREAS, John's dedication to excellence in his profession has led to myriad advances
9 and responsibilities within the company. He was named Company Steward in 1963, achieved the
10 rank of 2nd Lieutenant in 1967, and was First Driver Engine 3 from 1968 through 1983, and First
11 Driver Engine 5 from 1998 through 2009. He was named Company Clerk in 1977, is the current
12 Division of Training Instructor, and is the Leader of the Restoration & Repair of Engine 10; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to serving the community as a firefighter, John has lent his
14 expertise and talents to numerous professional and civic organizations and activities, and has
15 made substantial contributions to countless worthwhile causes throughout the years. He is a Life
16 Member of the Rhode Island State Firemen's League, and is a current member and past Chairman
17 of the Firemen's Memorial; and

18 WHEREAS, Being a firefighter who is devoted to duty and the community is a trait that
19 seems inherent to John McKenna. His service is exemplary and eminently worthy of our

1 recognition and gratitude; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
3 Providence Plantations recognizes and commends John F. McKenna for fifty years of noble and
4 dedicated service to the people of Bristol with the Defiance Hose Company No. 1; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to John F. McKenna.

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