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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CONGRATULATING C.J. CHIVERS ON BEING A 2017 PULITZER PRIZE AWARD
WINNER**

Introduced By: Representatives Tanzi, Shekarchi, Ajello, Filippi, and Corvese

Date Introduced: April 11, 2017

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Pulitzer Prize awards for excellence in journalism and the arts are
2 awarded in 14 designated categories including reporting, photography, cartooning, criticism and
3 commentary, and seven categories for the arts, including fiction, nonfiction, poetry, drama and
4 music; and

5 WHEREAS, C.J. 'Chris' Chivers, currently a reporter with The New York Times, and
6 formerly a Providence Journal reporter, was awarded journalism's highest honor, a 2017 Pulitzer
7 Prize in the category of Feature Writing; and

8 WHEREAS, As a reporter with The New York Times, Mr. Chivers was awarded his
9 2017 Pulitzer for his illuminating story on a 24-year old Marine Corps veteran's postwar descent
10 into violence after returning from Afghanistan; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Chivers is a graduate of Cornell University and the Columbia School of
12 Journalism. He served as an infantry officer in the United States Marines during the first Gulf
13 War, in peacekeeping operations during the Los Angeles riots, and was honorably discharged as a
14 captain; and

15 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from Columbia, Mr. Chivers joined the staff of the
16 Providence Journal, where he covered North Providence and Providence politics. During his
17 years with the Journal, he won the acclaim of his fellow reporters and was honored with a
18 Livingston Award for International Reporting. He is also the author of "The Gun," a historical
19 work; and

1 WHEREAS, Often referred to by colleagues as "the best war correspondent of his
2 generation," Mr. Chivers also won a Pulitzer in 2009 as part of a team of New York Times
3 reporters "honored for their dispatches from Pakistan and Afghanistan"; and

4 WHEREAS, Currently, Mr. Chivers makes his home in South Kingstown with his wife
5 Suzanne Keating and their five children and is an avid fisherman in his rare spare time; and

6 WHEREAS, With a comprehensive and thoughtful approach Mr. Chivers' reporting and
7 writing have contributed fresh insights into myriad areas. He is eminently deserving of the
8 accolades and regard he has been afforded and has fully distinguished himself as a person worthy
9 of our recognition and admiration; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
11 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates and honors C.J. Chivers on the prestigious honor of
12 being selected as a 2017 Pulitzer Prize award winner. We furthermore wish him the very best
13 health, happiness, and continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. C.J. Chivers.

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