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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING OFFICER YOMAIRA RODRIGUEZ, SERGEANT DERRICK LEVASSEUR,
AND OFFICER BARI CAMERON FOR THEIR HEROIC EFFORTS IN RESCUING SEVEN
PEOPLE FROM A BURNING BUILDING IN THE CITY OF CENTRAL FALLS

Introduced By: Senator Elizabeth A. Crowley

Date Introduced: March 01, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Police officers in the State of Rhode Island and across America work
2 diligently and courageously to serve, protect, and preserve the peace in their communities,
3 regardless of the perils or hazards they potentially face each and every day; and

4 WHEREAS, It is eminently important to recognize and thank these brave men and
5 women in blue, especially when their heroic actions have possible life-threatening consequences
6 but result in a most triumphant outcome; and

7 WHEREAS, In the early hours of Saturday, January 28th, while patrolling Earle Street in
8 the City of Central Falls, Officer Yomaira Rodriguez detected flames arising from a multi-level
9 home. She immediately reported the impending emergency and quickly received the assistance of
10 Sergeant Derrick Levasseur and Officer Bari Cameron; and

11 WHEREAS, The three officers entered the building and promptly evacuated a sleeping
12 couple and their young child from the first floor apartment and continuing their search, found and
13 rescued the four slumbering adults from an apartment on the second floor of what had by then
14 become a burning inferno; and

15 WHEREAS, In that moment of crisis, without hesitation, the rapid response and
16 subsequent actions of these three heroic officers resulted in the safe rescue of seven lives and
17 ultimately demonstrate their deep concern for the welfare of others; and

18 WHEREAS, The laudable actions of these officers augment our security, trust, and belief
19 in our local Police Departments and they are eminently worthy of our recognition and praise;

1 now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby honors and thanks Central Falls Police Officer Yomaira Rodriguez, Sergeant Derrick
4 Levasseur, and Officer Bari Cameron for their courageous and heroic efforts in saving the lives of
5 seven people from a burning building. We furthermore extend our best wishes for their future
6 happiness, success, and good 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 Officer Yomaira Rodriguez, Sergeant Derrick
9 Levasseur, and Officer Bari Cameron.

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