

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING LINCOLN POLICE SGT. WALTER PTASZEK, OFFICERS CHRIS HANNON AND MATHEW PARADIS, AND THE ALBION FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR EFFORTS IN RESCUING AN ELDERLY COUPLE AND SUCCESSFULLY EXTINGUISHING A FOUR-ALARM FIRE

Introduced By: Senators Paolino, Pearson, and Archambault

Date Introduced: March 02, 2017

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Police and Fire officers in the State of Rhode Island and across America  
2 work diligently and courageously to serve and protect their communities, regardless of the perils  
3 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, especially when their actions have possible life-threatening consequences; and

6 WHEREAS, On Saturday evening, February 11, 2017, Lincoln Police Sgt. Walter  
7 Ptaszek, and Officers Chris Hannon and Mathew Paradis, responded to a call reporting smoke  
8 coming from a century old structure that houses the Albion post office, second and third floor  
9 apartments, an attached convenience store, and a basement social club; and

10 WHEREAS, The three Officers broke down the building's door and promptly evacuated a  
11 sleeping elderly couple living in the second floor apartment. Fortunately, the third floor apartment  
12 was vacant at the time; and

13 WHEREAS, Quickly arriving on the scene, members of the Albion Fire Department  
14 attacked the fire and with assistance from neighboring towns, was able to fully extinguish the  
15 burning inferno by the early morning hours on Sunday; and

16 WHEREAS, In that moment of crisis, without hesitation, the rapid response and  
17 subsequent actions of these three Officers and the entire Albion Fire Department resulted in the  
18 safe rescue of two lives and controlled a dangerous situation; and

1           WHEREAS, The laudable actions of these Officers augment our security, trust, and belief  
2 in our local Police and Fire Departments and they are all eminently worthy of our recognition and  
3 praise; now, therefore be it

4           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
5 hereby honors and thanks Lincoln Police Sgt. Walter Ptaszek, Officers Chris Hannon and  
6 Mathew Paradis, and the entire Albion Fire Department for their courageous efforts in saving the  
7 lives of two people and successfully extinguishing a four-alarm fire. We furthermore extend our  
8 best wishes for their future happiness, success, and good health; and be it further

9           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Lincoln Police Sgt. Walter Ptaszek, Officers  
11 Chris Hannon and Mathew Paradis, and Chief Richard Andrews, Albion Fire Department.

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