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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

**HONORING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS KEITH MAINE
AND MATTHEW MCDERMOTT**

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Sheehan, and Maher

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Many people go through their life without any personal contact with a
2 potential life or death situation, without a defining moment that turns an ordinary person into a
3 hero. Members of Rhode Island's fire departments face such challenges each and every week;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The townspeople of South Kingstown and neighboring communities have
6 witnessed, benefited, and enjoyed peace of mind because Keith Maine and Matthew McDermott
7 have been on duty as volunteer firefighters with South Kingstown Forest Fire Station 3 of the
8 Union Fire District in South Kingstown; and

9 WHEREAS, In the early morning hours of February 23, 2009, Firefighters Maine and
10 McDermott were returning from a concert at the Ryan Center when they spotted flames and
11 smoke coming from the second floor of 152 A High Street; and

12 WHEREAS, Firefighters Maine and McDermott immediately called 911 and then
13 pounded on the back walls of the building in order to alert the occupants in the building. Three
14 residents jumped from a second floor window to escape flames while the officers helped to break
15 their fall; and

16 WHEREAS, Devotion and service to the community have been just a way of life for
17 these two gentlemen. They have consistently demonstrated that no goal is too vast and no
18 amount of effort too great to put forth in service to their fellow man. Their heroic actions are
19 eminently worthy of our acknowledgement and our gratitude; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby recognizes and applauds Volunteer Firefighters Keith Maine and Matthew McDermott.
3 We wish them continued good health, much happiness, and success in all their future endeavors;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mr. Keith Maine and Mr. Matthew McDermott.

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