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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CAPTAIN BILL WIETERS FOR BEING NAMED A RICHMOND
GRANGE #6 2010 COMMUNITY SERVICE "FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR"

Introduced By: Senator V. Susan Sosnowski

Date Introduced: May 20, 2010

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, We have learned that the Richmond Grange #6 is honoring firefighters of
2 the Union Fire District as their 2010 Firefighters of the Year; and

3 WHEREAS, The Union Fire District was established in the town of South Kingstown
4 during 1883 to provide fire emergency service, fire prevention programs, and fire code
5 enforcement to the majority of the town. Currently, there are eight fire stations in South
6 Kingstown: Peace Dale, Wakefield, Tower Hill, Forestry, Snug Harbor, Matunuck, Tuckertown,
7 and West Kingston; and

8 WHEREAS, The Union Fire District is made up of volunteer firefighters, and the
9 volunteers meet weekly for drills and training in their stations. The District has a state-of-the-art
10 training facility in Wakefield, which is used not only for volunteer training, but also for events
11 hosted by many other paid and volunteer departments within the State of Rhode Island; and

12 WHEREAS, While the Union Fire District may be made up of volunteers, these
13 community members are always on hand to assist with whatever fire emergency there may be.
14 During the historic flooding in March 2010, the Union Fire Districts' volunteer firefighters
15 logged a total of more than 2,500 hours. They received approximately 75 emergency calls during
16 and after the storm. These emergency calls included water rescues, box alarms, and fires. They
17 also assisted flooded residents by pumping out 300 basements; and

18 WHEREAS, During this disaster in our state, these volunteer firefighters took time away
19 from their families and homes to provide assistance and protection to their community. Many of

1 the volunteer firefighters took shifts and/or stayed at the local fire stations to answer any
2 emergency calls. This dedication to their community is something that all of the residents of
3 South Kingstown can be proud of; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
5 hereby congratulates Captain Bill Wieters on being named a Richmond Grange #6 2010
6 Community Service Firefighter of the Year and wish him many years of health and prosperity;
7 and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Captain Bill Wieters.

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