

**No. R-205. House concurrent resolution honoring Newport City Fire Department members 1st Assistant Chief Phil Laramie, Captain Kevin LaCoss, Lieutenant Andrew Carbine, and Firefighter Ryan Abel on their heroic rescue in Coventry.**

(H.C.R.166)

Offered by: Representatives Marcotte of Coventry and Viens of Newport City

Offered by: Senators Rodgers and Starr

Whereas, the town of Coventry relies on firefighting services from the volunteer Newport City Fire Department, and on December 8, 2016, at 1:56 a.m., department members were dispatched to fight a house fire in Coventry, and

Whereas, while racing to the blaze, they received word that a resident of the home was trapped inside the burning structure, and

Whereas, immediately upon their arrival, Firefighter Ryan Abel and Captain Kevin LaCoss dashed inside the fire-engulfed residence, initiating an aggressive and daring rescue, and

Whereas, Firefighter Ryan Abel discovered the resident lying on the floor, unresponsive, and gasping for air, and

Whereas, at that point, 1st Assistant Chief Phil Laramie and Lieutenant Andrew Carbine assisted their colleagues in pulling the victim away from the heavy-smoke-filled area, and the chief, with the assistance of other department members, carried the resident to a waiting ambulance that was driven quickly to North Country Hospital where the injured individual recovered and was released, and

Whereas, 1st Assistant Chief Phil Laramie has served as a Newport City Firefighter for 20 years, has held his current departmental office for seven years, is Firefighter I certified, and is self-employed, and

Whereas, Captain Kevin LaCoss joined the department 15 years ago, was promoted to his current rank six years ago, is Firefighter I certified, and is employed at the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and

Whereas, Lieutenant Andrew Carbine was previously a career firefighter with the Burlington Fire Department, has been a Newport City volunteer firefighter for approximately four years, achieved his current rank two years ago, is Firefighter II certified, and is employed with Memphremagog Rentals, and

Whereas, Firefighter Ryan Abel has served with the department for eight years, is Firefighter II certified, and is the manager at Feed Commodities, now therefore be it

Resolved: That the General Assembly honors Newport City Fire Department members 1st Assistant Chief Phil Laramie, Captain Kevin LaCoss, Lieutenant Andrew Carbine, and Firefighter Ryan Abel, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the firefighters honored in this resolution, to the Chief of the Newport City Fire Department, to the Newport City Manager, and to the Coventry Town Administrator.