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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018**

**H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N**

**HONORING AND THANKING ARTHUR P. SOUSA FOR 80 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF  
DEDICATED SERVICE AS A VOLUNTEER FIREMAN WITH DEFIANCE HOSE  
COMPANY NO. 1 IN BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Marshall, Morin, Ajello, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: May 03, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Since 1938, Arthur P. Sousa has been diligently and courageously  
2     volunteering his time and efforts to protecting and preserving the citizenry and homes in the town  
3     of Bristol, as a member of the Bristol Fire Department's Defiance Hose Company; and

4           WHEREAS, The year 2018 marks Mr. Sousa's 80<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of service with the  
5     Bristol Fire Department; and

6           WHEREAS, In terms of years of service, Mr. Sousa is not only the Company's senior  
7     member, but also holds the distinction of being the oldest member of Bristol's volunteer fire  
8     department; and

9           WHEREAS, During his tenure with the Company, he served as the 2<sup>nd</sup> lieutenant from  
10    1949 through 1954, and is a Charter Member of the Firemen's Memorial and Welfare  
11    Committees; and

12           WHEREAS, A native Bristolian, Mr. Sousa was born on his father's farm in the town of  
13    Bristol, on February 22<sup>nd</sup> of 1919, more than ninety-nine years ago. A lifelong resident of the  
14    town, he currently lives on Hope Street, in the home he shared with his wife Margaret, who  
15    passed away in 2011. The couple had three children, Sharon Wollschlager, Robert Sousa, and the  
16    late Arthur P. Sousa Jr.; and

17           WHEREAS, The citizenry of Bristol lead far safer and more secure lives due to the  
18    dedicated volunteer efforts of Arthur Sousa, and he is truly deserving of our heartfelt gratitude  
19    and acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

1           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
2 Providence Plantations hereby joins members of the Company, and the family and friends of  
3 Arthur P. Sousa in honoring and thanking him for 80 years of dedicated service as a volunteer  
4 fireman with Defiance Hose Company No. 1 in Bristol. We moreover wish him continued  
5 fulfillment and good health for many years to come; and be it further

6           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Arthur P. Sousa, Defiance Hose Company  
8 No. 1, Bristol, Rhode Island.

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