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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

THANKING RHODE ISLAND'S FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THEIR TIRELESS WORK
AND HEROIC EFFORTS TO ASSIST PEOPLE IMPACTED BY THE SEPTEMBER 5TH,
2022, RAINSTORM AND FLOODING

Introduced By: Representatives Morales, Shekarchi, Chippendale, Sanchez, Stewart,
Handy, Speakman, Blazejewski, Kennedy, and Diaz

Date Introduced: January 11, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, On September 5th of 2022, and the night prior, the State of Rhode Island,
2 and especially the Providence County communities of Cranston, Providence, Smithfield,
3 Greenville, Cranston, North Providence and Central Falls were hard hit by a storm that in some
4 areas reached almost 11 inches of rain; and

5 WHEREAS, The immense ferocity of this storm caused flash flooding resulting in the
6 closure of I-95 and Route 10 for a period of time, as well as numerous streets in Providence and
7 the surrounding communities, with many drivers getting stranded and having to abandon their
8 vehicles. On Peace Street in Providence an unoccupied building collapsed, roofs collapsed,
9 asphalt was ripped up in certain places, and at Brown University, approximately thirty students
10 were temporarily displaced when floodwater infiltrated their dorm; and

11 WHEREAS, Once again, as they always do, Rhode Island's hard-working and heroic first
12 responders answered the call and helped to alleviate and fix the enormous problems caused by
13 this storm as quickly as possible. They took people needing medical assistance to medical
14 facilities, performed life-saving CPR and other emergency assistance, checked in on the elderly,
15 the sick, handicapped and other vulnerable residents, assisted stranded motorists and moved
16 submerged vehicles out of the way, and always going above and beyond the call of duty to assist
17 anyone impacted by this storm; now, therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
19 heartily thanks Rhode Island's first responder community for their tireless work and efforts to

1 assist Rhode Island residents who were impacted by the violent storm flooding that impacted our
2 State on September 5, 2023; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
4 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Rhode Island, the
5 Honorable Daniel J. McKee.

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