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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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

**PROCLAIMING MAY 23, 2014, TO BE "CAPTAIN DAVID P. SOUZA DAY" IN RHODE ISLAND AND WISHING CAPTAIN SOUZA A MOST HAPPY RETIREMENT**

Introduced By: Representatives Casey, Morin, Phillips, Guthrie, and Canario

Date Introduced: May 22, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Captain David P. Souza of the Woonsocket Fire Department is retiring on  
2 May 23, 2014, after more than twenty-seven years of devoted and meritorious service to the  
3 citizens of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; and

4           WHEREAS, Captain Souza comes from a distinguished Woonsocket firefighting family.  
5 He is the great grandson of the late Woonsocket Fire Department Captain Roy Lemieux, and is  
6 the son of retired Woonsocket Fire Department Deputy Chief Roy Souza and Bernadette Souza.  
7 He is married to Kimberly Souza and together they are the parents of daughter Jordan and son  
8 Benjamin; and

9           WHEREAS, Captain Souza began his firefighting career when he was appointed as a  
10 Woonsocket firefighter on October 6, 1986. He was immediately assigned to Engine 1 and served  
11 in that capacity until he was promoted on August 13, 2009, to be the Lieutenant of Ladder 1. He  
12 was later appointed to the position of Captain of Ladder 2 on September 3, 2009. He also served  
13 from 2006 to 2009 as a Union Steward and has been a proud member of C Platoon for the last ten  
14 years; and

15           WHEREAS, Captain Souza is highly regarded within the rank and file and by his  
16 superiors for his diligent approach to his duties and for his incredibly strong work ethic. He has  
17 been honored numerous times in his career for his selfless service in the performance of his  
18 duties. He received the Station 1 Award for dissuading and securing a potential suicide jumper on  
19 August 21, 2007. He also received a Commendation for successfully extricating a patient from a

1 vehicle that had careened off a bridge abutment and came to rest in the river below on May 7,  
2 2011; now, therefore be it

3           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
4 Providence Plantations hereby proclaims May 23, 2014, to be "Captain David P. Souza Day" in  
5 Rhode Island. We furthermore wish him a most happy retirement and continued success in all his  
6 future endeavors; and be it further

7           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized to transmit a duly  
8 certified copy of this resolution to Woonsocket Fire Department Captain David P. Souza.

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