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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING NEWPORT PATROLMAN MARK LUBIN FOR SAVING A PERSON FROM  
COMMITTING SUICIDE ON THE NEWPORT PELL BRIDGE

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Abney, Solomon, Shekarchi, Blazejewski,  
Chippendale, Kennedy, Edwards, Ajello, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: April 06, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Newport Police Department Patrolman Mark Lubin, a 2015 graduate of the  
2 Roger Williams University's Criminal Justice program, and a six-year veteran of the Newport  
3 Police Department, was working his usual shift when he received an urgent call from another  
4 police department warning of a possible suicidal person near the Newport Pell Bridge; and

5 WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Officer Lubin spotted the person, who was racing  
6 towards the bridge in his car at high speed. On the bridge, the driver stopped his car, ran to the  
7 side of the bridge and lifted his leg over the railing to jump. In response, Officer Lubin jumped  
8 out of his car and ran toward the man, pleading with him not to jump. A tense standoff ensued  
9 with Officer Lubin attempting to pull the distraught man off the bridge, with the man pleading to  
10 be left alone; and

11 WHEREAS, The standoff became a wrestling match on the railing of the bridge until  
12 backup arrived. Thankfully, officers were able to pull the man off the bridge and save his life; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Lubin talked extensively with the depressed gentleman at the  
14 hospital and had great empathy for him. Officer Lubin stated that he learned to have great  
15 patience while dealing with those struggling with mental and behavioral health issues in part due  
16 to his brother's struggles with autism and being nonverbal; and

17 WHEREAS, According to Captain Kevin Moreira, Patrol Commander, one in five calls  
18 to the Newport Police Department relates to a mental or behavioral health issue, with this statistic  
19 aligning with data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which

1 shows that one in five people suffer from a substance use or mental health disorder, and only one  
2 in four of those people get professional help; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
4 honors and thanks Newport Police Department Patrolman Mark Lubin for his heroic actions that  
5 saved the life of a man on the Newport Pell Bridge, 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 Newport Patrolman, Mark Lubin.

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