

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 313

Approved May 19, 1986

WHEREAS, On April 23, 1986 Providence Firefighters responded to a smokey blaze at 301 Oxford Street, and were informed that two children were trapped inside, and

WHEREAS, Unable to see through the dense smoke the Firefighters tracked the sounds of the whimpering children to a bedroom, and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant William A. Briggs, Jr. of Engine 3 discovered Denise Guzman, 4 1/2, under a cot, he handed her to Privates Michael G. Reilly and Robert M. Jarvis of Ladder 5, who in turn handed her to Private Frederick A. Robinson of Engine 8, who began cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and

WHEREAS, Private Joseph R. Demarais of Engine 10 found Joel Guzman, 3, in a closet in the same room, and carried the toddler to Rescue 1, and

WHEREAS, Both children were transported to Rhode Island Hospital and from there to the Hyperbaric Medical Center in Sanford, Maine where they were placed in a decompression chamber, and were in stable condition the next morning,

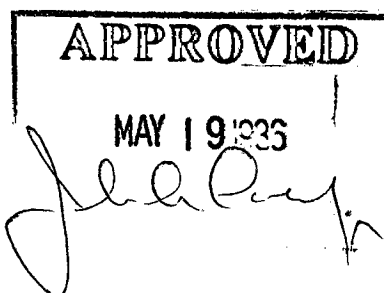
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council does extend its congratulations to Lieutenant William A. Briggs, Jr. and to Firefighters Joseph R. Desmarais, Michael G. Reilly, Robert M. Jarvis and Frederick A. Robinson and to the Members of Engine Company 10, 11, and 8, Special Hazards 1, Ladder Company 5 and 2 for their extraordinary actions and dedication to duty in saving the lives of these two children, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Clerk is to cause copies of this Resolution to be transmitted to the aforementioned Firefighters and Fire Companies as an expression of the City's gratitude not only for their actions on April 23, 1986, but for their ongoing dedication to the traditions of excellence of the Providence Fire Department.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 15 1986

READ AND PASSED

Michael W. Egan PRES.
Robert M. Demarais CLERK



Councilman Dillon