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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY THREE

### HOME RULE PETITION

*WHEREAS:* Anthony Thompson, a former firefighter of the city of Boston, died as a result of injuries sustained while performing the essential duties of a firefighter; *NOW THEREFORE BE IT*

*ORDERED,* That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:  
AN ACT PROVIDING CERTAIN DEATH BENEFITS FOR THE WIDOW OF A  
FORMER FIREFIGHTER OF THE CITY OF BOSTON**

*Section 1.*

Notwithstanding section 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, and to promote the public good, there shall be paid a line of duty death benefit from the Boston Retirement Board to Pamela Thompson, the widow of Anthony Thompson, a former firefighter of the city of Boston who died as a result of injuries sustained while performing the essential duties of a firefighter. The benefits shall be paid and administered in accordance with section 100 of chapter 32 of the General Laws. Pamela Thompson shall receive a lump sum payment from the Boston Retirement Board equal to the total accumulated retirement deductions paid by Anthony Thompson into the annuity savings fund.

Section 2.

Such line of duty death benefit shall be paid to Pamela Thompson and consist of an annual amount of pension equal to the amount of salary which would have been paid to said fire fighter, Anthony Thompson had he continued in service as a Boston Firefighter. This line of duty death benefit shall maintain parity with the Boston firefighters collective bargaining pay increases. In case of any surviving eligible children there shall be paid to Pamela Thompson the sum of three hundred and twelve dollars per annum for each such child until such time as all such children have attained age eighteen or have attained age twenty-two if a full-time student.

Section 3.

Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the surviving children of Anthony Thompson, a deceased firefighter in the City of Boston, shall be eligible for original appointment to the Boston Fire Department and shall be considered survivors under section 26 of chapter 31 of the General Laws. In order to have their names so certified, said surviving children must first pass the written and physical examinations required of all candidates for entrance to the fire service.

Section 4.

This act shall take effect upon passage.

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