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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING PROVIDENCE POLICE CHIEF HUGH T. CLEMENTS JR., ON BEING APPOINTED TO DIRECT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNITY POLICING PROGRAMS AND THANKING HIM FOR MORE THAN THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF PROVIDENCE AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, J. Lombardi, Costantino, Slater, Felix, Batista, DeSimone, and Perez

Date Introduced: January 26, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Police Chief Hugh Clements began his exemplary law enforcement career in  
2 1985, when he was appointed to serve on the Providence Police Department as a night Patrol  
3 Officer in the Uniform Division, and later on the Neighborhood Response Team Uniformed Task  
4 Force before being transferred to the Special Investigations Bureau and the Department's Vice  
5 and Drug Unit. Thanks to his strong work ethic and superior policing skills, Chief Clements  
6 steadily rose through the ranks; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1990, Chief Clements was promoted to the rank of Detective and  
8 returned to the night squad. In 1992, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and served for three  
9 years as a night Sergeant, before being transferred to the Detective Bureau where he spent the  
10 next seven years supervising the investigation of all major crimes; and

11 WHEREAS, In 2002, Chief Clements was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and  
12 transferred to the midnight shift of the Patrol Bureau. He was later assigned to serve as the  
13 District 5 Commander, where he embraced the department's philosophy of community policing.  
14 Under his leadership numerous innovative and creative initiatives were carried out. He was later  
15 transferred back to the Detective Bureau, and in late 2008, he was promoted to the rank of  
16 Captain and became responsible for all major crimes operations in the Investigative Division; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Clements was promoted to the rank of Major in 2008, serving for one  
18 year as the Commander of the Homeland Security Division, before being reassigned to serve as

1 the Commanding Officer of the Uniform Division. He later served as the Deputy Chief and was  
2 appointed Acting Chief of Police in July of 2011, before being appointed the 37th Chief of the  
3 Providence Police Department and promoted to the rank of Colonel. In his more than eleven years  
4 of meritorious service as Providence's Police Chief, he has received almost unanimous praise  
5 from all quarters for his abiding integrity, tireless work ethic, strong leadership and  
6 communicative skills, and his notable desire to connect with the average citizen living in the  
7 neighborhoods of Providence; and

8 WHEREAS, Chief Clements holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from the  
9 University of Rhode Island, a Bachelor of Science degree in the Administration of Justice from  
10 Roger Williams University, and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Boston  
11 University. He has also attended numerous specialty schools including the New York State Police  
12 Williams Homicide School, the Illinois State Police Supervisor's School, the ATF National Gang  
13 School, and graduated in 2005 from the Leadership RI Alpha11 Class and the Senior  
14 Management Institute for Police from the Harvard Kennedy School at Boston University; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Clements has received numerous commendations including receiving  
16 the Chiefs Award three times, awards from the FBI, Attorney General's Office, ATF and other  
17 police agencies, and several awards for his participation in a RICO Latin King investigation; and

18 WHEREAS, As a result of Chief Clements decades of distinguished public service, he  
19 has been appointed by the United States Attorney General to direct the federal government's  
20 community policing programs within the Department of Justice with the mission of strengthening  
21 the trust between police officers and the public. Chief Clements is the beloved husband of Donna  
22 and the devoted father of Kayleigh and Kourtney; now, therefore be it

23 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
24 thanks Chief Hugh T. Clements, Jr., for his more than thirty-seven years of devoted and dedicated  
25 service as a law enforcement officer and public servant and wishes him well with his new duties  
26 and responsibilities as the Director of the federal government's community policing programs;  
27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
29 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Chief Hugh T. Clements, Jr.

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