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## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## **JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025**

## SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING WARWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT CHIEF COLONEL BRADFORD CONNOR ON HIS FORTHCOMING RETIREMENT ON JUNE 29, 2025, AFTER MORE THAN 27 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF WARWICK

<u>Introduced By:</u> Senators LaMountain, Appollonio, McKenney, Tikoian, Britto, Raptakis, Zurier, Bissaillon, Felag, and Urso

Date Introduced: June 12, 2025

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Warwick Police Chief Colonel Bradford Connor began his distinguished law enforcement public service career in 1996 when he joined the Warwick Police Department. 2 3 Chief Connor served most of his tenure in the police department as a member of the Community Services Division, beginning as a Community Police Officer where he worked closely with 4 community groups to improve quality of life issues, and later as the Officer in charge of the 5 Division; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Thanks to his tireless work ethic, strong leadership and communication 8 skills, and his abiding integrity, Chief Connor steadily rose through the ranks that culminated in 9 his first tenure with the Warwick Police Department with assignments in the Patrol Division, 10 Detective Division, and Professional Standards Division. He also served on the Department's 11 Special Weapons and Tactics Team as the Team Commander, and concluded his first tenure with 12 the Department at the rank of Deputy Police Chief shortly after serving as the Commander of the 13 Operations and Administrative Bureaus, before retiring from the Department in 2019; and WHEREAS, In 2019, Chief Connor accepted a position to serve as the Director of 14 15 Security at Women & Infants Hospital where he was a key part of the Incident and Command Team that assisted the hospital in navigating through the COVID-19 pandemic; and 16 17 WHEREAS, In 2021, Chief Connor returned to the Warwick Police Department when he 18 agreed to serve as the Department's Police Chief. Chief Connor's tenure as Police Chief has been marked by his unwavering commitment to public service, and the people of Warwick. His 19

1	leadership has earned high praise, respect and admiration both within the City of Warwick and
2	throughout the State of Rhode Island; and
3	WHEREAS, Warwick Police Chief Bradford Connor attended St. Anselm College where
4	he attained a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Chief Connor is married to Carla, who serves
5	as a Detective on the Providence Police Department. Chief Connor was a former Rhode Island
6	Police Chiefs Association President and board member. He also serves on the Board of Directors
7	for the Boys and Girls Club of Warwick; now, therefore be it
8	RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates
9	Warwick Police Chief Colonel Bradford Connor on his forthcoming retirement from the Warwick
10	Police Department on June 29, 2025. We furthermore thank him for his more than 27 years of
11	distinguished and devoted public service as a law enforcement officer; and be it further
12	RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
13	transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Warwick Police Chief, Colonel Bradford
14	Connor.
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