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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING CENTRAL FALLS FIRE CHIEF ROBERT E. BRADLEY, JR., ON THE
OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

Introduced By: Representatives Giraldo, McLaughlin, Barros, Casey, and Filippi

Date Introduced: February 23, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Many people go through their life without any personal contact with a
2 potential life and death situation, without a defining moment that turns an ordinary person into a
3 hero. Members of Rhode Island's fire departments face such challenges each and every week.
4 Central Falls' Fire Chief Robert Bradley is no exception; and

5 WHEREAS, Service to the community has been just a way of life for Chief Bradley. He
6 is a lifelong resident of Central Falls and is the second generation from his family to have served
7 to protect the citizens of the City; and

8 WHEREAS, A veteran firefighter, Chief Bradley joined the Central Falls Fire
9 Department on August 14, 1987. Rising through the ranks, he was appointed Fire Chief on
10 January 4, 2013. He holds numerous degrees and certifications from NFPA, NIMS, the National
11 Fire Academy, Rhode Island Fire Academy, Connecticut Fire Academy, Massachusetts Fire
12 Academy, and New Hampshire Fire Academy; and

13 WHEREAS, During his more than three decades with the Department, Chief Bradley has
14 led the Department's 41 firefighters with diligence, consistently instituting improvement,
15 professional development, and tireless dedication to the community, and has demonstrated that no
16 goal is too vast and no amount of effort is too great to put forth in service to his colleagues and
17 the community; and

18 WHEREAS, Going above and beyond for the community, Chief Bradley has assumed the
19 role of Santa Claus, arriving on a fire truck for Christmas in the park and participating in the

1 City's annual "Holiday Express" breakfast. In addition, he has volunteered his bagpipe playing
2 musical talents at veterans' events and other somber occasions; and

3 WHEREAS, During Chief Bradley's tenure, the Central Falls Fire Department has
4 developed into one of the strongest and most well-respected Fire Departments in Rhode Island
5 and he is eminently worthy of our gratitude and recognition; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
7 recognizes, honors, and thanks Fire Chief Robert E. Bradley, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement
8 after more than thirty-three years of steadfast and dedicated service to the people of Central Falls
9 and the State of Rhode Island. We wish him good health, fulfillment, and continued success in all
10 his future endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Fire Chief Robert E. Bradley, Jr.

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