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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF BRIAN SULLIVAN ON HIS RETIREMENT AND
THANKING HIM FOR MORE THAN THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND
DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF LINCOLN

Introduced By: Senator Thomas J. Paolino

Date Introduced: May 01, 2023

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Lincoln Police Chief Brian Sullivan graduated from Shippensburg
2 University with a Bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice. He later attained a K-6 Teaching
3 Certificate from Roger Williams University, and a Master of Science degree in Administration of
4 Justice from Salve Regina University; and

5 WHEREAS, Brian Sullivan began his distinguished public service and law enforcement
6 career when he was sworn in as a patrolman in 1988. Thanks to his leadership skills, tireless work
7 ethic and astute police work, he rapidly advanced through the ranks, rising to the position of
8 Juvenile Detective in 1992, Sergeant in 1998, Lieutenant in 2000, and Deputy Chief in 2002; and

9 WHEREAS, In 2008, Deputy Chief Sullivan was selected to be the next Police Chief of
10 Lincoln. In his more than fourteen years as Chief, he has earned the respect and admiration of his
11 colleagues, peers and the residents of the Town of Lincoln for his professionalism, compassion,
12 and abiding integrity; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Sullivan has made it a point throughout his tenure to stay in touch
14 with the youth in the Lincoln community. When he first became a police officer, he worked as a
15 D.A.R.E. Officer and has stated that it was one of his favorite parts of the job. He has frequently
16 visited elementary schools taking questions, reading books, and building connections that have
17 lasted as those children have advanced within the school system. He also placed a high value in
18 staying touch with the entire community by speaking with church groups, neighborhood watch
19 groups, and at community events; and

1 WHEREAS, One further example of the esteem Chief Sullivan is held in by his peers
2 across the State was when he was selected to be the head of the Rhode Island Police Chief's
3 Association. Despite his many law enforcement accomplishments, Chief Sullivan has stated that
4 his family has always been most important in his life and he is blessed by the incredible support
5 and love given to him by his wife, daughter and parents; now, therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island hereby congratulates Police
7 Chief Brian Sullivan on his retirement and thanks him for his more than thirty-four years of
8 exemplary and devoted service to the Town of Lincoln; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Brian Sullivan, Lincoln Police Chief.

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