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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2012

H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**CONGRATULATING PROVIDENCE CHIEF OF POLICE, COLONEL HUGH T.
CLEMENTS, JR.**

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Blazejewski, Slater, Diaz, and Williams

Date Introduced: February 08, 2012

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, On May 5th of 1985, Colonel Hugh T. Clements was appointed to the
2 Providence Police Department, thus embarking on a distinguished career as a police officer that
3 would span the next twenty-six years and earn him not only the respect and admiration of the
4 entire law enforcement community but also the title of Chief of Police; and

5 WHEREAS, Colonel Clements attained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University
6 of Rhode Island, his Bachelor of Science degree in the Administration of Justice from Roger
7 Williams College, and his Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Boston University; and

8 WHEREAS, Upon becoming a brother in blue, Colonel Clements was assigned to the
9 Patrol Bureau, Uniform Division, as a night Patrol Officer. Until 1990, he was a member of the
10 Neighborhood Response Team, at which time he was transferred to the Special Investigations
11 Bureau; and

12 WHEREAS, By consistently demonstrating integrity and outstanding leadership skills,
13 Colonel Clements rose quickly through the ranks. In December of 1990, he was promoted to the
14 rank of Detective and transferred to the Detective Bureau, and in 1992, he earned the rank of
15 Sergeant and transferred to the Patrol Bureau, Uniform Division. In 1995, he transferred back to
16 the Detective Bureau, Investigative Division; and

17 WHEREAS, In July of 2002, Colonel Clements was again promoted, attaining the rank of
18 Lieutenant, and returned to the Patrol Bureau, Uniform Division. In 2003, he was assigned as the
19 District Commander of District 5. He attained the rank of Captain in 2005 and Major in 2008;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, In April of 2011, Colonel Clements was selected as Deputy Chief and
3 promoted to Commander, and in July of 2011, he was named Acting Chief. On January 6th of
4 2012, to the very good fortune of the citizens of Providence, Colonel Clements was named Chief
5 of the Providence Police Department; and

6 WHEREAS, In addition to his law and order duties, Police Chief Clements has earned a
7 panoply of awards and honors, including numerous Letters of Commendation and the Chiefs
8 Award in 1991 and again in 1992, and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Clements is also a devoted husband. He and his wife, Donna, are the
10 proud parents of two daughters, Kayleigh and Kourtney; and

11 WHEREAS, A true “officer and a gentleman,” Police Chief Clements has and continues
12 to provide the citizenry of the City of Providence and Rhode Island with safer and more secure
13 lives due to his extraordinary career, and his service and dedication are noteworthy and
14 commendable; now, therefore be it

15 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
16 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes, honors, and congratulates Colonel Clements on his
17 promotion to Chief of The Providence Police Department. We wish him good health, fulfillment,
18 and continued success; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Providence Chief of Police Hugh T. Clements.

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