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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2014**

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

**CONGRATULATING JOHNSTON POLICE CHIEF RICHARD TAMBURINI ON BEING  
ELECTED TO THE RHODE ISLAND CRIMINAL JUSTICE HALL OF FAME**

Introduced By: Representatives Fellela, Ucci, Carnevale, Costantino, and Almeida

Date Introduced: May 13, 2014

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Chief Richard Tamburini was born in Providence in the Federal Hill  
2 neighborhood. He served his nation with honor and integrity in the United States Army with the  
3 72nd Signal Battalion, rising to the rank of Specialist 4th Class and receiving a top-secret  
4 clearance in cryptology. Shortly thereafter, he began his long and illustrious law enforcement  
5 career in the State of Rhode Island; and

6           WHEREAS, Chief Tamburini began his distinguished law enforcement career as a  
7 patrolman with the Providence Police Department. His diligence and devotion to duty was  
8 immediately noticed by his superiors and he began to quickly rise up the ranks. He was first  
9 promoted to Sergeant as the night commander of the Detective Division. He was responsible for  
10 investigating crimes, the arrest and prosecution of suspects, seeking out fugitives from justice,  
11 recovering stolen property, coordinating investigative efforts at the divisional level, and preparing  
12 court testimony for prosecution; and

13           WHEREAS, While he was assigned to the Providence Detective Bureau, Detective  
14 Sergeant Tamburini was promoted to Lieutenant and formed a legendary law enforcement  
15 investigative team with Detective Vincent Vespia. He assigned and monitored cases and  
16 investigations of the detectives under his command. He was the first police officer outside of the  
17 Rhode Island State Police to be granted the right to conduct wiretapping. As a result, he planned  
18 and developed surveillance operations that investigated organized crime and the illegal narcotics  
19 trade. Lieutenant Tamburini and Detective Vespia are credited with significantly hampering those

1 two illegal operations and for being "round-the-clock headaches for New England organized  
2 crime leaders"; and

3 WHEREAS, In June of 1988, Lieutenant Tamburini was promoted to the position of  
4 Deputy Chief of the Providence Police Department. He assumed responsibility for more than 500  
5 police officers and civilian personnel. His duties ranged from managing personnel and overseeing  
6 budgets to handling community and press relations, as well as making decisions regarding a  
7 broad range of policy positions and protocols within the Providence Police Department; and

8 WHEREAS, Since 1995, Richard Tamburini has been the beloved and highly respected  
9 Police Chief of the Town of Johnston. He has led by example and brought with him a range of  
10 new innovative ideas that have improved training, fiscal management, and brought about closer  
11 ties between the police department and the community. He instituted bicycle patrols, a very  
12 popular "Walk with Cops Program," the Citizens Police Academy, and the award-winning  
13 Johnston Explorers Program. Under his direction and leadership, the Johnston Police Department  
14 has become widely recognized for being one of the very best run police departments both in  
15 Rhode Island and in the New England region; and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Tamburini is the loving husband and of Marie and the devoted son of  
17 Josephine Tamburini and the late Joseph Tamburini. He is the loving father of Lisa and Joey,  
18 daughter-in-law Erica and son-in-law Frank, and grandfather of Jessica, Angelica, Andrew and  
19 Cecilia; now, therefore be it

20 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
21 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Johnston Police Chief Richard Tamburini on being  
22 elected to the Rhode Island Criminal Justice Hall of Fame; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
24 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Johnston Police Chief, Richard Tamburini.

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