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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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

**CONGRATULATING WARWICK FIRE CHIEF EDMUND ARMSTRONG ON HIS
RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND EXEMPLARY
SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF WARWICK**

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Solomon, McNamara, Naughton, and
Bennett

Date Introduced: January 26, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Warwick Fire Chief Edmund Armstrong grew up in Warwick, near Sandy
2 Lane, and close to Fire Station 4 on West Shore Road. Beginning as a youngster, he always had a
3 fascination with the fire department and its atmosphere and from there developed a yearning to
4 one day be a firefighter; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1980, Chief Armstrong began his distinguished firefighting career when
6 he was accepted to be a member of the Warwick Fire Department. His hard work, diligence, and
7 devotion to the job was noticed by his superiors as he steadily rose up the ladder, attaining the
8 rank of Lieutenant in 1990, Captain in 1997, Battalion Chief in 2003, Assistant Chief in 2006,
9 and Chief in 2011; and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Armstrong had many accomplishments during his distinguished
11 tenure as Warwick Fire Chief. As Acting Chief, he skillfully led the city's response to Tropical
12 Storm Irene, and was adept and innovative in his management and leadership of the Fire
13 Department and the Emergency Management Agency. However, the achievement that made him
14 the most proud was successfully overseeing the building of the Potowomut Fire Station, an
15 endeavor he worked tirelessly on to ensure its completion; and

16 WHEREAS, Chief Armstrong is widely admired and deeply respected in Warwick and
17 throughout the State of Rhode Island for the outstanding job he did as the Chief of the Warwick
18 Fire Department. He was always available to residents, the elected officials in Warwick, and to
19 those serving under his command. Chief Armstrong has received unanimous praise in the wake of

1 his retirement with numerous City Council members effusively thanking him for his service, and
2 Warwick Mayor Scott Avedisian saying "I firmly believe that Warwick has the best fire
3 department in the entirety of the state, and it is no doubt a reflection of the strong leadership
4 efforts that Chief Armstrong has displayed during his tenure"; now, therefore be it

5 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
6 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Warwick Fire Chief Edmund Armstrong on his
7 retirement after thirty-five years of devoted and distinguished service to the citizens of Warwick.
8 We wish him a most happy and joyous retirement with his wife, Kathleen, and daughter, Kaitlin,
9 and we wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Warwick Fire Chief Edmund Armstrong.

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