

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2017

SENATE RESOLUTION

**HONORING CHIEF VINCENT VESPIA, JR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
ON NOVEMBER 1, 2016, AFTER FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN
LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Introduced By: Senators Sosnowski, Algieri, Sheehan, Goodwin, and Ruggerio

Date Introduced: January 18, 2017

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, In 1959, upon his honorable discharge from the United States Army, South
2 Kingstown Police Chief Vincent Vespia, Jr., began his distinguished career in law enforcement
3 with the Rhode Island State Police, patrolling the state's highways on a motorcycle; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1981, Chief Vespia retired from the State Police and shortly thereafter,
5 was named Police Chief for the Town of South Kingstown. Over the ensuing thirty-five years, he
6 instituted numerous initiatives and training programs, and built a leadership team that has
7 provided the foundation for excellence within the South Kingstown Police Department. He
8 currently oversees fifty-three officers within the department; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure in law enforcement, Chief Vespia has consistently
10 demonstrated integrity and outstanding leadership skills and has amassed an inspiring record of
11 untarnished excellence and accomplishment. He has also earned numerous awards, citations, and
12 honors, and is a member of a plethora of professional organizations; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to his many years in law enforcement, Chief Vespia is also the
14 husband of Judith-Ann, and together they are the parents of three daughters and the very proud
15 grandparents of four grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, On November 1st of 2016, Chief Vespia retired having earned the
17 distinction of being the longest-serving Police Chief in the State of Rhode Island and attaining the
18 respect and admiration of his fellow "brothers in blue" and the citizens of South Kingstown and
19 the State of Rhode Island; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
2 hereby recognizes, honors, and thanks Chief Vincent Vespia, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement
3 after 35 years of steadfast and unselfish service to the people of South Kingstown and more than
4 fifty-seven years of service to the people of the State of Rhode Island. We furthermore wish him
5 good health, fulfillment, and continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Chief Vincent Vespia, Jr.

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