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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

**CONGRATULATING THE COVENTRY POLICE DEPARTMENT ON RECEIVING
ACCREDITATION FROM THE RHODE ISLAND POLICE ACCREDITATION
COMMISSION**

Introduced By: Representatives Roberts, Nardone, Chippendale, Serpa, and Noret

Date Introduced: February 26, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Law Enforcement Accreditation Program was established
2 in 2012 and is managed by the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission (RIPAC). This
3 program provides the mechanism by which law enforcement agencies can ensure civic leaders
4 and citizens that their departments meet the highest standards, and practice the best methods
5 within the law enforcement profession. The RIPAC program is a rigorous process consisting of
6 200 standards that address the most important issues facing police departments and law
7 enforcement agencies; and

8 WHEREAS, During a Coventry Town Council meeting that took place on January 28,
9 2019, Coventry Police Chief Colonel John MacDonald delivered the good news to the Coventry
10 community that the Coventry Police Department, for the first time in Department history, had
11 earned accreditation from the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission. Chief MacDonald
12 stated that attaining accreditation was very difficult and time-consuming and would have been
13 impossible without the countless hours of hard work and tireless devotion provided over the past
14 several years by the Department's Accreditation Managers, Captain Pete Zalabowski and
15 Lieutenant Gary Miller; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates the Coventry Police Department on achieving
18 accreditation from the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to

- 1 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Coventry Police Chief, Colonel John
- 2 MacDonald.

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