

2019 -- H 6199

=====
LC002813
=====

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

**HONORING JAMES FARLEY ON BEING NAMED CHIEF MARSHAL OF THE 2019
BRISTOL, RHODE ISLAND, FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**

Introduced By: Representatives Donovan, Speakman, Abney, Shekarchi, and Filippi

Date Introduced: June 11, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The Bristol, Rhode Island, Fourth of July Celebration was founded in 1785,
2 and is the oldest Fourth of July celebration in the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, Beginning in 1826, a Chief Marshal has been chosen annually. It is a highly
4 enviable and exceptional tribute bestowed upon a Bristol resident who has exhibited outstanding
5 devotion and distinction within the community and it is therefore fitting that James Farley has
6 been chosen to be the Chief Marshal of the 2019 Bristol Fourth of July Celebration; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Farley, a life-long Rhode Islander, had a distinguished career in public
8 administration, predominately with the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training, after he
9 had finished his studies at New England College, the University of Rhode Island and Providence
10 College; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Farley has been deeply involved with Bristol's Fourth of July
12 Celebration and Committee in myriad ways since 1976, including serving as General Chairman
13 and on the Executive Committee. Through the years, Mr. Farley has played an instrumental role
14 in creating many of the Committee's most cherished traditions, including the creation of the
15 Hattie Brown Award, the Interfaith Service, the Flag Day Kickoff, nightly concerts during the
16 celebration, and the installation of banners along the parade route; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Farley has also devoted much of his life in support of other important
18 Bristol and East Bay organizations and endeavors. He is a life-member of the Benevolent and
19 Protective Order of Elks, 1408, and served as Past President of the Chief Marshals' Association.

1 He also served as a member and Chairman of the Bristol Planning Board for thirty years, as
2 Chairman of the Comprehensive Plan, as a member of the Capitol Budget Committee, the Zoning
3 Revision Committee, Explore Bristol, and the East Bay Tourism Council. He also played a key
4 role in the merger of East Bay with the Newport Convention & Visitors Bureau, now named the
5 Bristol and Newport Counties Convention and Visitors Bureau and is a member of the National
6 Army-Navy Club; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Farley is a longtime and devoted member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
8 parish, where he serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, and in the same
9 capacity at Rhode Island Hospital. He has also served on the Diocesan Office of Religious
10 Education, on the East Bay CYO Board, and has sung in several choirs over the years. Mr. Farley
11 has been married to his wife, Pierrette Farley for fifty-five years and they are the proud parents of
12 Judith, Elizabeth and Sara, and six grandchildren, Neil, Joshua, Dmitry, Ivan, Jordan, and Cloe;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The Bristol community could not have chosen a person more worthy of this
15 high honor than James Farley and he will surely make us all proud with his service as the new
16 Chief Marshal of the Bristol Fourth of July Celebration; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
18 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates James Farley on being named Chief Marshal of the
19 2019 Bristol Fourth of July Celebration. We moreover commend him for his many extraordinary
20 achievements and contributions, and wish him continued health, happiness and success in all his
21 future endeavors; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
23 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. James Farley.

=====
LC002813
=====