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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING NORTH SMITHFIELD POLICE CHIEF STEVEN REYNOLDS ON
HIS RETIREMENT AFTER NEARLY FORTY-SIX YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND
DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE TOWN OF
NORTH SMITHFIELD

Introduced By: Senators de la Cruz, Paolino, Murray, Ruggerio, and Metts

Date Introduced: February 06, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, Steven Reynolds, a Pawtucket native, began his distinguished public service
2 law enforcement career in 1974 when he joined the Rhode Island State Police. Over his twenty-
3 two year career, he rose to the rank of Captain and served as the Commander of the State's
4 Detective Division. He was widely respected for his leadership abilities and his outstanding
5 investigative acumen. Colonel James Manni, the current Superintendent of the Rhode Island State
6 Police, served with Chief Reynolds and describes him as being "a class act," someone who "had a
7 wealth of knowledge as an investigator" and who "commanded the respect of every trooper on
8 the job"; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1996, Chief Reynolds was selected to be the Police Chief of the North
10 Smithfield Police Department. Chief Reynolds got to work right away, reforming the Department
11 with new rules and policies, and implementing a hiring process that focused on quality, and
12 pushed politics away; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Reynolds has the reputation as someone who hires good and
14 intelligent people, sets high standards, and then lets them run their divisions without interference
15 from him as long as the job is getting done and the public is being served properly. He always
16 reminded his officers of their obligations to the Town of North Smithfield and was always quick
17 to praise them for jobs well done; and

18 WHEREAS, Chief Reynolds is a resident of Lincoln, and serves on the Lincoln Parks and

1 Recreation Commission and the Rhode Island State Police Museum Committee. He also loves the
2 game of baseball and is very active with local youth baseball. He coaches for Cumberland's
3 Upper Deck Baseball Academy, and was recently named head baseball coach at Lincoln High
4 School. He is married to Angela and has three children and three grandchildren; now, therefore be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
7 hereby congratulates North Smithfield Police Chief Steven Reynolds on his retirement and thanks
8 him for his nearly forty-six years of exemplary and meritorious service to the citizens of Rhode
9 Island and North Smithfield as a law enforcement officer. We furthermore wish him good health,
10 happiness, and continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
12 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to North Smithfield Police Chief Steven
13 Reynolds.

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