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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2011

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

**HONORING POLICE CHIEF GEORGE L. KELLEY, III, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE PAWTUCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Introduced By: Representatives DaSilva, Johnston, JP O'Neill, E Coderre, and San Bento

Date Introduced: January 06, 2011

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Throughout history, our nation has been propitiously blessed with men and
2 women who are willing to step forward and safeguard the freedoms and liberties we hold so dear.
3 These often unsung heroes go about the day-to-day task of upholding the laws of this state and it
4 is fitting that we recognize their value and myriad contributions; and

5 WHEREAS, George Kelley, III, was born and raised in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He
6 graduated from Tolman High School, attained his Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement from
7 Bryant College in 1973, and continued his education by attending the University of Rhode Island
8 Criminalistics program in 1978; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1974, George Kelley was accepted into the Rhode Island Municipal
10 Police Academy, where he graduated first in his class. To the very good fortune of the citizens of
11 Pawtucket, upon graduation he joined the Pawtucket Police Department as a Patrolman on May
12 20th of 1974; and

13 WHEREAS, By consistently demonstrating integrity and outstanding leadership skills,
14 Patrolman Kelley rose through the ranks. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1983, Detective
15 Lieutenant in 1988, Captain in 1993, Commander in 1997, and named Chief of the Pawtucket
16 Police Department on February 12th of 1999; and

17 WHEREAS, If called upon, today's police officers must not only be willing and able to
18 "Protect and Serve" and be ready to step into deadly situations with proficiency and with little
19 regard for their own safety, but they must also serve on a variety of professional and community

1 associations; and

2 WHEREAS, Chief Kelley has served as President of both the Rhode Island and the New
3 England Police Chiefs' Associations. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs
4 of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police, Pawtucket Lodge #4. He is also a member of the
5 Pawtucket Police Association, the Rhode Island Commissioned Police Officers, the Rhode Island
6 Emerald Society, and the University of Rhode Island Criminalistics Association. He previously
7 served as Vice-President of the Pawtucket Substance Abuse Committee, and is currently on the
8 Board of Directors for the Boys and Girls Club of Pawtucket and Turning Point; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Kelley is truly "an officer and a gentleman" and the citizenry of
10 Pawtucket and Rhode Island lead far safer and more secure lives due to his extraordinary career.
11 His dedication to the job and respect for his fellow police officers will be sorely missed, although
12 there is little doubt that in his heart he will always be part of the force and a brother in blue; now,
13 therefore be it

14 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
15 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes, honors, and thanks Chief George L. Kelley, III, on the
16 occasion of his retirement after more than thirty-six years of steadfast and unselfish service to the
17 people of Pawtucket and the State of Rhode Island. We wish him good health, fulfillment, and
18 continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to
20 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Chief George L. Kelley, III.

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