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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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

**CONGRATULATING RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE MAJOR DAVID TIKOIAN ON HIS
RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Winfield, Costantino, Malik, Fogarty, and Gallison

Date Introduced: June 18, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Major David Tikoian was born in Providence, Rhode Island, the son of Ann
2 and the late Peter Tikoian, who was a survivor of the Armenian Genocide. He was raised in
3 Smithfield, Rhode Island, where he learned early on the importance of working hard and never
4 forgetting from where you came. David's work experience began as a thirteen year old, when he
5 worked at Adler's Farm in Greenville, picking up hay bales. The owner of the farm, Carl Adler,
6 taught him to "either do it the right way or nothing at all." David later worked for Alfred
7 Costantino's construction company where he wheelbarrowed asphalt and was positively
8 influenced by Mr. Costantino's work ethic; and

9 WHEREAS, Major Tikoian graduated from the Smithfield public schools, including
10 Smithfield High School, where he was a member of the wrestling team, threw the shot put and the
11 hammer for the track team, and was Captain of the football team. He went on in 1988 to earn an
12 Associate's degree, with highest honors, with money earned from his various summer jobs. In
13 1990, he earned a Bachelor's degree in business administration from Bryant University and began
14 the process of applying to be a Rhode Island State Trooper while working in the construction
15 industry; and

16 WHEREAS, Major Tikoian's distinguished law enforcement career began in 1992 when
17 he was accepted to be a member of the Rhode Island State Police. Immediately, his tireless work
18 ethic and attention to detail attracted the notice of his superiors, and he began a steady climb up
19 the ranks. In 1998, he joined the Rhode Island State Police Executive Security Unit during the

1 second term of then-Governor Lincoln Almond. He continued to perform those duties through
2 most of Governor Carcieri's tenure, finishing in 2009. He also served as the Treasurer and Vice
3 President of the National Governors Security Association; and

4 WHEREAS, Major Tikoian's other duty assignments with the Rhode Island State Police
5 have included serving at all the division barracks statewide, at the Training Academy and as
6 weekend officer-in-charge of the Uniform Bureau. He was the Rhode Island State Police's
7 Divisional Inspectional Services officer, where he evaluated operations and inspected facilities;
8 evaluating personnel, vehicles and investigative procedures. He was tasked with the assignment
9 of ensuring that the agency-wide operations and standards of the Rhode Island State Police were
10 in compliance with the Commission on Accreditation Law Enforcement requirements, which
11 resulted in achieving Flagship Agency Status in 2011. Major Tikoian also served as the Rhode
12 Island State Police's Legislative Liaison and Community Outreach Coordinator where he worked
13 on various projects including the Citizen Trooper Academy and with the "Kids, Cops &
14 Classrooms/Kids, Cops & Christmas" programs; and

15 WHEREAS, Major Tikoian's latest assignment has been as the Chief Administrative
16 Officer where he manages ten sworn law enforcement officers and 60 civilian personnel. His
17 responsibilities include oversight duties and fiscal management of the division's \$97 million
18 dollar budget; and

19 WHEREAS, Major Tikoian has also served as the President of the Rhode Island State
20 Police Museum, a museum filled with Rhode Island State Police artifacts and whose chief
21 purpose is to pay tribute to all the Rhode Island State Troopers who have served our state with
22 honor, valor and integrity; and

23 WHEREAS, One of the special highlights of Major Tikoian's distinguished law
24 enforcement career was when he graduated from the extremely difficult FBI National Academy
25 in Quantico, Virginia. This eleven week program, comprised of 215 personally selected
26 individuals from various military and law enforcement entities from 49 states and 26 countries,
27 included advanced investigative and management techniques, as well as a rigorous physical
28 fitness regimen that included climbing walls, wading creeks, and rope-scaling rock faces, while
29 also confronting cargo nets, barbed wire and lots of mud along a 6.1 mile hilly and wooden path.
30 Major Tikoian was the only Rhode Islander in this class; now, therefore be it

31 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
32 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Major David Tikoian on his retirement from the
33 Rhode Island State Police after more than twenty-two years of exemplary and devoted service to
34 the citizens of Rhode Island. We wish him a most happy retirement and continued success in all

1 future endeavors; and be it further

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

3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Major David Tikoian.

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