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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2021

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING MS. JOAN MARIE COLLINS ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE  
RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF  
MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Noret, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Kazarian, Ackerman,  
Vella-Wilkinson, Bennett, McNamara, Solomon, and Casimiro

Date Introduced: July 01, 2021

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Joan Marie Collins began her distinguished public service career with the  
2 Rhode Island State Police when she was hired on November 1, 1992, to serve as a  
3 Telecommunicator in the (National Crime Information Center) (NCIC)/Control Bureau. In  
4 recognition of her tireless work ethic and deeply abiding commitment to the safety of all  
5 members of the Rhode Island State Police and Rhode Island law enforcement officers, she was  
6 promoted to the position of Assistant Shift Supervisor on October 27, 1996; and

7 WHEREAS, On November 24, 1996, Ms. Collins was further promoted, this time to the  
8 position of Police Communications Specialist Supervisor, a position she held until her retirement  
9 on June 29, 2021. In this capacity, Ms. Collins was responsible for all aspects of the  
10 NCIC/Control Bureau. From 2005 to 2011, she was responsible for and did a superb job of  
11 organizing and supervising the Rhode Island Most Wanted site, a vital enforcement tool for area  
12 law enforcement agencies. She received many laurels and much praise from numerous state  
13 troopers and law enforcement agencies for her exemplary work with the site; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins organized and coordinated Rhode Island's Amber and Silver  
15 alerts for many years. She also gave her time to organize events to provide digital identification  
16 kits, including fingerprints, photographs, and DNA swabs for thousands of children. No person in  
17 Rhode Island was more dedicated to the safeguarding and protection of children than Ms. Collins.  
18 She gave countless hours of her personal time to ensure the protection of our children; and

19 WHEREAS, Ms. Collins has received numerous accolades in recognition of her

1 distinguished service to the State of Rhode Island. In 1996, she received the State Police Civilian  
2 of the Year Award for “distinguishing herself through her loyalty, dedication, and skills as an  
3 integral member of the NCIC Bureau of the Rhode Island State Police. In the discharge of her  
4 duties, she consistently displayed concern for the safety of Troopers and all police officers on  
5 patrol in the State of Rhode Island.” In 2013, she was the recipient of the Rhode Island Attorney  
6 General’s Justice Award for Crime Prevention, “an award given in recognition of individual  
7 excellence and commitment to justice and the community”; now, therefore be it

8           RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
9 congratulates Ms. Joan Marie Collins on her retirement from the Rhode Island State Police on  
10 June 29, 2021, after more than twenty-nine years of meritorious service to the State of Rhode  
11 Island as a Police Communications Specialist Supervisor; and be it further

12           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
13 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Ms. Joan Marie Collins.

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