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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 DETECTIVE CAPTAIN JOHN S. SEEBECK ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE PAWTUCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER MORE THAN FORTY-ONE
YEARS OF DEVOTED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF
PAWTUCKET**

Introduced By: Representatives Johnston, Coughlin, Tobon, Messier, and O'Grady

Date Introduced: March 01, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Detective Captain John S. Seebeck has served the people of Pawtucket
2 faithfully for more than forty-one years since beginning his distinguished public service career as
3 a Pawtucket Police Officer on May 20, 1974; and

4 WHEREAS, Detective Captain Seebeck was a hard-working police officer who was
5 superb at investigating cases and had an uncanny ability to connect with the average citizen and
6 garner their trust, which is a vital skill for a police officer to have when trying to solve cases and
7 bring criminals to justice. As a result of his superior skills, exemplary professionalism, and
8 devotion to his job, Officer Seebeck immediately impressed his superiors and steadily rose
9 through the ranks, being promoted to the positions of Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain,
10 and finally to Detective Captain; and

11 WHEREAS, Detective Captain Seebeck's diligent and innovative approach to
12 investigating crimes, and his ability to work well in a team framework, either with fellow
13 Pawtucket police officers or with other police departments and agencies, enabled him to play a
14 crucial role in solving numerous significant crimes. His superb police work led to him being
15 honored in numerous letters of recommendation and commendation during his distinguished
16 career; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1975, then-Patrolman Seebeck played a key role in the apprehension of
18 three adult males who were responsible for the armed robbery of a branch of the Industrial

1 National Bank on Pawtucket Avenue. In addition, in 1983, he helped to thwart three heavily
2 armed suspects who were conspiring to rob a Dutchland Farms Milk Store on Benefit Street in
3 Pawtucket. In 1985, thanks to his alertness and attention to detail while serving in his car as a
4 roundsman, he noticed smoke coming from a three tenement house on Harrison Street and
5 immediately notified the control center to dispatch fire apparatus. His diligence in this instance
6 averted a major fire and the serious possibility of loss of life; and

7 WHEREAS, Detective Captain Seebeck also played a significant role in helping to solve
8 a manslaughter case in which a boyfriend killed his girlfriend. His excellent work in State vs
9 Arthur Holden was commended by the trial judge, Stephen R. Famiglietti. Over the course of his
10 police career, Detective Captain Seebeck helped to solve many other cases and bring justice to
11 both the perpetrators and the victims; and

12 WHEREAS, Detective Captain John S. Seebeck was born in New York State on October
13 19, 1952. He is the loving husband of Kim Seebeck and the proud father of Tatum, Tessa,
14 Jennifer and Michael. His tireless service, excellent detective skills and personal probity will be
15 sorely missed by his colleagues and the general public; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Pawtucket Police Detective Captain John S. Seebeck
18 on his retirement after more than forty-one years of distinguished, devoted and exemplary service
19 to the citizens of Pawtucket. We wish him a most happy retirement and continued success in all
20 his future endeavors; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
22 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Detective Captain John S. Seebeck.

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