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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2018

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

**CONGRATULATING MICHAEL PALIOTTA ON BEING NAMED POLICE CHIEF OF
CHARLESTOWN, RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives Filippi, Kennedy, Azzinaro, Messier, and Canario

Date Introduced: April 04, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Michael Paliotta, husband of Heather Paliotta, father of four daughters, and
2 grandfather of three granddaughters, is a 1990 graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a
3 Bachelor's degree in Environmental Management. He joined the Charlestown Police Department
4 in 1992 as a Reserve Officer and was hired full-time in 1993. He completed his training at the
5 Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy where he earned the rank of class valedictorian, and
6 served with distinction as a Patrol Officer until 2001, when he was promoted to the rank of
7 Sergeant. He continued to attend school while serving as a police officer and attained a Master's
8 degree in Criminal Justice from Boston University in 2014; and

9 WHEREAS, Due to Officer Paliotta's tireless work ethic and impeccable integrity, he
10 steadily rose through the ranks, being promoted to Lieutenant in 2009, where he oversaw the
11 Patrol Division, before being reassigned in 2012 to serve as Acting Chief after the retirement of
12 then-Chief Jack Shippee; and

13 WHEREAS, In 2012, Michael Paliotta became a key member of newly appointed Chief
14 Allen's leadership team. Chief Allen praised Mr. Paliotta's dedication and professionalism by
15 stating that Officer Paliotta "proved to be a welcome resource with a vast knowledge of the town,
16 budgets and department operations"; and

17 WHEREAS, Thanks to the high esteem that Chief Allen and the entire Department had
18 for his professionalism and vast technical and management skills, Officer Paliotta was chosen to
19 be the department's first-ever Accreditation Manager in 2013, a move that was vital to the

1 department acquiring full state accreditation for the first time in 2017. In 2014, Chief Allen also
2 chose Officer Paliotta to serve as Commander of the Criminal Investigations Division, overseeing
3 detectives, prosecution and accreditation; and

4 WHEREAS, Thanks to his lengthy resume of accomplishments and abiding loyalty to the
5 Town of Charlestown, Officer Paliotta was selected to be the Chief of the Charlestown Police
6 Department on March 1, 2018. Chief Paliotta already has plans in motion to make the department
7 an even better servant of the town's citizenry with plans to revamp the command staff, hire two
8 additional officers, and upgrade the department's technology proficiency. The citizens of
9 Charlestown are truly lucky to have a person so universally respected and admired as their new
10 Police Chief; now, therefore be it

11 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
12 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Mr. Michael Paliotta on being named the Police
13 Chief for the Town of Charlestown on March 1, 2018. We wish him well in all of his new duties
14 and responsibilities; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Michael Paliotta, Police Chief, Town of
17 Charlestown.

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