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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING POLICE CHIEF JOHN S. MACDONALD ON HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE COVENTRY POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE
YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Introduced By: Senators Raptakis, and Rogers

Date Introduced: February 25, 2020

Referred To: Placed on the Senate Consent Calendar

1 WHEREAS, Colonel John S. MacDonald joined the Coventry Police Department in
2 1994, and thanks to his tireless work ethic and exemplary record of service, he steadily rose
3 through the departmental ranks, culminating in 2015, when he became the Town of Coventry's
4 14th Police Chief; and

5 WHEREAS, As Police Chief, Colonel MacDonald developed a strategic plan that
6 included the attainment of important goals including the development of a new Police
7 Department Headquarters that opened in January of 2020, and gaining accreditation in 2019
8 through the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission. Other accomplishments under
9 Colonel MacDonald's watch include significant improvements in the department's school safety,
10 cyber protection, and investigative capabilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Colonel MacDonald attained a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the
12 University of Connecticut, and a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the United States War
13 College. For more than twenty-eight years, he served our nation with honor and valor as a
14 member of the Rhode Island National Guard. He holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and is an
15 Army helicopter pilot who saw combat in Iraq. He also served as the Operations Manager for the
16 Rhode Island Army Aviation Battalion in Kuwait. In recognition of his service to our nation,
17 Colonel MacDonald was awarded the Bronze Star; and

18 WHEREAS, Colonel MacDonald is retiring from the Coventry Police Department, but
19 will continue to serve our state and nation as the new Rhode Island National Guard State Army

1 Aviation Officer; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
3 hereby congratulates Police Chief John S. MacDonald on his retirement from the Coventry Police
4 Department and wishes him well in his new duties as the Rhode Island National Guard State
5 Army Aviation Officer; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
7 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Coventry Police Chief, John S. MacDonald.

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