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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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

**CONGRATULATING MIDDLETOWN POLICE CHIEF ANTHONY PESARE ON HIS
RETIREMENT AFTER FORTY-FOUR DEVOTED AND DISTINGUISHED YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF RHODE ISLAND AND THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN**

Introduced By: Representatives Ruggiero, Cortvriend, Canario, Shekarchi, and Noret

Date Introduced: January 09, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Middletown Police Chief Anthony Pesare is retiring after fourteen years of
2 exemplary service as the Chief of the Middletown Police Department, and an exemplary forty-
3 four year career of public service, primarily as a law enforcement officer; and

4 WHEREAS, Chief Pesare is a native Rhode Islander who grew up in a predominately
5 Italo-American neighborhood in Providence. He began his law enforcement career with the
6 Rhode Island State Police in 1974, and throughout his twenty-four year career with the State
7 Police, steadily rose through the ranks thanks to his tireless work ethic and strong leadership
8 abilities. He was ultimately promoted to the rank of Major and made second in command of the
9 Department. In his last two years of service with the State Police, he was in command of all
10 uniformed troopers and detectives; and

11 WHEREAS, Upon retiring from the State Police, Chief Pesare was selected to be the
12 Dean of Roger Williams University's School of Justice Studies. He enjoyed his six years in
13 academia and credits his experience at Roger Williams University for making him think more
14 about the decisions he made as a police officer. Soon, the call of being a police officer tugged at
15 him and in 2004, he accepted the offer to become the Police Chief of the Town of Middletown;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, During his distinguished term as Chief, he instituted a community policing
18 approach to the Department, which included having specific officers serving as liaisons to
19 different parts of the Middletown community. Chief Pesare also strived to diversify the

1 Middletown Police Department. Another accomplishment that occurred on his watch was the
2 construction and completion of a new police station on Valley Road, which opened in 2009; and

3 WHEREAS, Chief Pesare and his wife, Mary, are the parents of two daughters, Jennifer
4 and Amy. Though he may be retiring from police work, Chief Pesare has no intention of leaving
5 Middletown, stating "There's no place like Aquidneck Island." He will continue to teach courses
6 at Salve Regina University, where he is an adjunct professor, and will teach a justice course at
7 Roger Williams University; now, therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
9 Providence Plantations hereby thanks Middletown Police Chief Anthony Pesare for forty-four
10 years of honorable and distinguished service to the State of Rhode Island and the citizens of
11 Middletown. We wish him a most happy retirement and continued success in all his future
12 endeavors; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Chief Anthony Pesare.

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