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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING DEEPEST GRATITUDE TO THE CAPITOL POLICE FOR THEIR
DILIGENCE AND DEDICATION TO DUTY SERVING AND PROTECTING THE PUBLIC
AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Messier, Knight, Handy, Fellela, and Kazarian

Date Introduced: June 26, 2019

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The 2019 Session of the Rhode Island Legislature witnessed the
2 introduction and in some cases the passage of many landmark bills; and

3 WHEREAS, Advocates and opponents of the various legislative proposals came to the
4 State House to exercise their First Amendment right to free speech; and

5 WHEREAS, For many weeks, the considerable passion and emotion that some members
6 of the public brought to their advocacy resounded loudly through the halls of the State House; and

7 WHEREAS, The Rhode Island Capitol Police handled the multitude of advocates, both
8 for and against bills being considered by the House and the Senate, with respect, dignity, and in a
9 professional manner; and

10 WHEREAS, Members of the Capitol Police not only insured that the public were able to
11 exercise their right to open expression, they also ensured the safety of the public, state employees,
12 and the members of the House and Senate; and

13 WHEREAS, Chief Joseph Little and all the members of the Capitol Police toiled long
14 and arduously screening innumerable people entering the State House while also maintaining
15 order and decorum between competing advocates; now, therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
17 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its deepest gratitude to the Capitol Police for their
18 tireless diligence and dedication to duty upholding the public's right to invoke their First
19 Amendment rights while ensuring their protection, as well as the protection of state employees

1 and General Assembly members; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
3 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Chief Joseph Little, Jr., Rhode Island Capitol
4 Police.

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