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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

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SENATE RESOLUTION

THANKING FORMER EAST PROVIDENCE POLICE CHIEF CHRISTOPHER PARELLA  
FOR HIS NEARLY TWENTY-NINE YEARS OF MERITORIOUS AND DEVOTED SERVICE  
WITH THE EAST PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Coyne, Conley, Ruggerio, and Cano

Date Introduced: March 27, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, Christopher Parella began his distinguished law enforcement career in  
2 November of 1990, when he joined the East Providence Police Department. Through the years his  
3 tireless work ethic, attention to detail, and strong leadership and communication skills impressed  
4 both his colleagues and superiors as he steadily rose through the ranks; and

5           WHEREAS, Since joining the Department, Mr. Parella has held every position but  
6 corporal, including serving four years and eight months as Police Chief, and for the last six  
7 months of 2018, holding the dual role of Chief and Acting City Manager; and

8           WHEREAS, During his tenure as Chief from June of 2014 to February 15, 2019, Chief  
9 Parella worked to diversify the members of the Department in order to better reflect the  
10 community they serve. He also helped to secure three collective bargaining agreements with the  
11 officers' union, and secured the right of the City to initiate a lateral entry program in order to  
12 bring experienced officers into the Department from other jurisdictions; and

13           WHEREAS, Chief Parella takes great pride in the excellent working relationship he had  
14 with the East Providence Police Department. School safety was always one of his top priorities  
15 and safe schools were a hallmark of his exemplary record as Chief; and

16           WHEREAS, Another area of success Chief Parella had was in fostering better  
17 community relationships between the Police Department and the minority community. As he  
18 concluded his tenure, there were no racial profiling complaints from civilians, no disparate impact  
19 complaints from within the Department, and not one outstanding grievance or civilian complaint

1 about any officer's treatment of the public; now; therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
3 hereby recognizes and extends gratitude to former East Providence Police Chief Chris Parella for  
4 his more than twenty-eight years of exemplary service to the citizens of East Providence and the  
5 State of Rhode Island; 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 Mr. Christopher Parella, retired Police Chief,  
8 City of East Providence.

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