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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING LT. COL. DARNELL WEAVER ON HIS PROMOTION TO THE
POSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT OF THE RHODE ISLAND STATE POLICE

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Alzate, Ranglin-Vassell,
Giraldo, Henries, Hull, Filippi, Morales, and Biah

Date Introduced: April 28, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Police officers in the State of Rhode Island and across America work
2 diligently and courageously to serve, protect, and preserve the peace, regardless of the perils or
3 hazards they potentially face each and every day. To the good fortune of all Rhode Islanders,
4 State Police Lt. Col. Darnell S. Weaver will take on these challenges as the 15th Superintendent
5 of the Rhode Island State Police on April 29, 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Weaver is a native of the City of Cranston, and has had an
7 exemplary twenty-eight year career with the State Police, where he most recently served as
8 Deputy Superintendent and Chief of Field Operations. He had previously served our country with
9 honor and valor in the United State Marine Corps; and

10 WHEREAS, State Police Lt. Col. Weaver is the first person of color to lead the Rhode
11 Island State Police, and at a time in our State and Country's history when the need for fairness and
12 equal representation is imperative and so very necessary, Lt. Col. Weaver's promotion brings
13 hope to many "that the face of law enforcement" will truly represent all our communities; and

14 WHEREAS, Notably, Lt Col. Weaver was also the highest-ranking officer of color ever
15 in the Rhode Island State Police when he assumed the Lieutenant Colonel post in 2021. He has
16 served in all the State Police barracks including as Night Executive Officer and Assistant Patrol
17 Commander of the Hope Valley and Wickford barracks, and had previously been the officer in
18 charge at the State Police training academy and served as its Director of Training; and

19 WHEREAS, With a proven record of public service and strong leadership, there is no

1 doubt that Lt. Col. Darnell Weaver will overcome the hurdles and myriad issues that are facing
2 both Rhode Island's and police departments around the country and he is eminently worthy of this
3 promotion and our confidence; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
5 recognizes and congratulates Lt. Col. Darnell Weaver on the occasion of his promotion to the
6 position of Superintendent of the Rhode Island State Police and wishes him good health,
7 fulfillment, and much success with this responsibility; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
9 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Lt. Col. Darnell Weaver.

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