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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023**

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

**CONGRATULATING KEVIN M. LYNCH ON BEING NAMED THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
RHODE ISLAND POLICE CHIEFS' ASSOCIATION**

Introduced By: Representatives Speakman, Donovan, Shekarchi, Blazejewski,  
Chippendale, Lima, Fenton-Fung, Edwards, Bennett, and Giraldo

Date Introduced: January 31, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, Kevin M. Lynch holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Roger Williams  
2 University and is a graduate of the Leadership Rhode Island Epsilon Class of 2009, and the  
3 Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He currently serves as an adjunct professor of law at  
4 Roger Williams University and Bristol Community College; and

5           WHEREAS, Chief Lynch began his distinguished thirty-five year law enforcement and  
6 public service career with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management-  
7 Enforcement Division shortly after graduating from the Rhode Island Municipal Police Academy  
8 in 1988; and

9           WHEREAS, In early 1999, Chief Lynch transferred to the Cranston Police Department  
10 and steadily rose through the ranks thanks to his tireless work ethic, abiding integrity and sharp  
11 police and investigative skills. He finally reached the rank of commander (Lieutenant Colonel)  
12 and served as the Chief of Administration; and

13           WHEREAS, Chief Lynch retired from the Cranston Police Department in 2019 and  
14 accepted a position with the Public Utilities Commission, serving as its Deputy Administrator  
15 until being appointed by Governor Raimondo to serve as Interim Administrator; and

16           WHEREAS, In September of 2019, Chief Lynch was appointed to serve as the Chief of  
17 the Bristol Police Department where he is responsible for the planning, organizing and daily  
18 operations of the entire department. Thanks to Chief Lynch's sterling leadership and guidance,  
19 and to the hardworking police officers under his command, the Town of Bristol was recently

1 named the number-one safest college town in America; and

2 WHEREAS, On January 13, 2023, the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association selected  
3 Chief Lynch to serve as its President. The Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association was  
4 established in 1950, and includes both active and retired police chiefs and associate members  
5 from nearly 50 municipal, state and campus agencies. It was created with the mission to enhance  
6 the effectiveness of law enforcement, to strengthen the public's confidence in its police  
7 professionals, and to improve the quality of life of its members and the communities they serve.  
8 All of these goals will be enhanced and strengthened by the superb leadership, tireless work ethic,  
9 and immense integrity that will be provided by Chief Lynch; now, therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
11 congratulates Bristol Police Chief Kevin M. Lynch on being named President of the Rhode Island  
12 Police Chiefs' Association and thanks him for his thirty-five years of meritorious and honorable  
13 service to the citizens of Rhode Island as a law enforcement officer and public servant; and be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
16 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Chief Kevin M. Lynch.

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