

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2019

SENATE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING CENTRAL FALLS POLICE CHIEF COLONEL JAMES J. MENDONCA ON BEING NAMED THE NEW CHIEF OF POLICE AND DIRECTOR OF SAFETY AND SECURITY AT RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE AND THANKING HIM FOR HIS TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CENTRAL FALLS AND THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Senators Crowley, Ruggiero, Lombardi, Felag, and Sosnowski

Date Introduced: May 01, 2019

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1 WHEREAS, James Mendonca began his distinguished public safety and law enforcement  
2 career in 1988 as a correctional officer with the Rhode Island Department of Corrections. He  
3 accepted this position shortly after completing his meritorious service with the United States  
4 Marine Corps; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Mendonca was appointed to the position of Patrolman with the  
6 Central Falls Police Department on December 7, 1990, and over the next three decades, steadily  
7 rose through the ranks, ultimately becoming the Central Falls Police Chief thanks to his tireless  
8 work ethic, abiding integrity, and the deep respect he garnered from his peers, colleagues,  
9 superiors and the greater community. Under his leadership, direction and guidance, the Central  
10 Falls Police Department was recognized in 2015 for professional excellence by the Rhode Island  
11 Police Chiefs' Association; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Mendonca attained a Bachelor's degree in the Administration of  
13 Justice from Roger Williams University and a Master's degree in Criminal Justice from Excelsior  
14 College. He is also a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in  
15 Quantico, Virginia, and the 59th session of the Police Executive Research Forum-Senior  
16 Management for Police; and

17 WHEREAS, Chief Mendonca has received numerous awards and utmost praise from  
18 both the law enforcement community and from outside observers. In recognition of his exemplary

1 record of public service, he received a Hassenfeld Family Foundation Rhode Island Public  
2 Service Fellowship at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and  
3 served as the Past President of the Rhode Island Police Chiefs' Association; now, therefore be it

4       RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
5 hereby congratulates Central Falls Police Chief Colonel James J. Mendonca on being named the  
6 new Chief of Police and Director of Safety and Security at Rhode Island College. We further  
7 thank him for his twenty-eight years of distinguished service to the citizens of Central Falls and  
8 the State of Rhode Island; and be it further

9       RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
10 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Central Falls Police Chief Colonel James J.  
11 Mendonca.

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