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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2015

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

**EXPRESSING DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE GULLUSCIO FAMILY ON THE
PASSING OF RETIRED WESTERLY POLICE CHIEF JAMES R. GULLUSCIO**

Introduced By: Representatives Azzinaro, and Kennedy

Date Introduced: January 07, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, James R. Gulluscio served as the Westerly Police Chief from 1973 to 1981,
2 retiring after twenty-five years on the police force. He was well-respected for his tireless work
3 ethic, his no-nonsense style of leadership, his abiding love for the Town of Westerly, and his deep
4 concern for the police officers under his command. He will be sorely missed by his family,
5 friends, colleagues and the entire Westerly community; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Gulluscio was a father figure to many of the Westerly Police Officers.
7 Patrol Officer Lou Masucci, Jr., credits Chief Gulluscio with providing him with the discipline
8 and steady leadership he needed as a rookie police officer. Current Westerly Police Chief Edward
9 St. Clair said that he "had the utmost respect for him as did everyone in the law enforcement
10 community"; and

11 WHEREAS, Some years after retiring, Chief Gulluscio received a call from Westerly
12 High School Principal Jim Murano, a close friend who had played football at Westerly High
13 School when Chief Gulluscio was an Assistant Coach, asking him if he would help him out by
14 serving as a Hall Monitor at the High School. Principal Murano was deeply concerned about the
15 growing problems with students smoking in the bathrooms and loitering in the hallways. In the
16 words of Principal Murano, Chief Gulluscio "jumped at the opportunity" and "within a week we
17 saw immediate results" because "of his ability to relate so well to the kids, he was able to be both
18 an authority figure and a friend at the same time"; and

19 WHEREAS, Chief James R. Gulluscio was a United States Army Veteran. He leaves

1 behind his wife, Barbara, his son, James R. Gulluscio, Jr., and two daughters, Doreen Champlin
2 McNeill and her husband, Stephen, and Diann Izzi; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
4 Providence Plantations hereby expresses its deepest condolences to the Gulluscio Family on the
5 passing of Chief James R. Gulluscio; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to send
7 a duly certified copy of this resolution to Barbara Gulluscio.

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