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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING PROVIDENCE POLICE OFFICER EARL LOPEZ ON HIS
RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Introduced By: Representatives Hull, Lombardi, Shekarchi, Williams, and Filippi

Date Introduced: January 08, 2020

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 in their communities
3 regardless of the perils or hazards they potentially face every day. Thanks to officers like Earl
4 Lopez of the Providence Police Department, Rhode Island and Providence citizens have had safer
5 and more secure lives; and

6 WHEREAS, Earl Lopez joined the Providence Police Department on March 1, 1987, and
7 until his retirement on January 7, 2020, he served the public with honor, integrity and valor. He
8 was well-respected by his colleagues for his devotion to duty and his deeply abiding concern for
9 the people he was sworn to serve and protect; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Lopez received numerous awards and commendations in recognition
11 of his exemplary service. He was honored with the Rhea Archambault Award for his excellent
12 police work when he arrested a homicide suspect in Providence and was awarded the prestigious
13 Chief's Award twice, the first time on August 16, 1990, when he arrested a murder suspect who
14 was armed with a shotgun. He received the award for the second time on May 23, 1991, when he
15 dove into the Providence River to save two people who were drowning; and

16 WHEREAS, Officer Lopez leaves a legacy of devotion to duty and selfless sacrifice that
17 all public service workers seek to emulate, and he is eminently worthy of our praise and
18 acknowledgement. He will be sorely missed by his fellow police officers and the citizens of
19 Providence, whom he served so well; now, therefore be it

1 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
2 Providence Plantations hereby congratulates Providence Police Officer Earl Lopez on his
3 retirement after more than thirty-two years of devoted and distinguished service to the citizens of
4 Providence and we wish him continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Officer Earl Lopez.

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