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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2020

SENATE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND CONGRATULATING JOSEPH CONNORS ON HIS RETIREMENT AS AN EAST PROVIDENCE CITY SERGEANT

Introduced By: Senators Lawson, Conley, and Coyne

<u>Date Introduced:</u> February 12, 2020

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

WHEREAS, Joseph "Joey" Connors, a lifelong resident of East Providence, is retiring 1 2 after twenty-two years of exemplary and devoted service as a City Sergeant for East Providence, 3 beginning his service with the City Council in 1998, and later for the Municipal Court; and 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Connors made history when he became the first Down Syndrome person in the nation to serve as a United States Senate Page, after being appointed by then Rhode 5 Island United States Senator John Chaffee; and 6 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Connors has excelled for the past forty years as a Rhode Island Special Olympian. He was given the high honor of lighting the Special Olympics torch at the 50-year 8 9 Rhode Island Special Olympics Anniversary in 2018, and has always represented our State and 10 the Special Olympics cause with passion and dignity; and 11 WHEREAS, It is fitting that the Mayor of East Providence, will be declaring February 18, 2020, to be "Sergeant Joseph 'Joey' Connors Day" in the City of East Providence; now, 12 13 therefore be it RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations 14 15 hereby honors and congratulates Joseph Connors on his retirement as an East Providence City 16 Sergeant; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is directed to transmit a duly

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certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Joseph Connors.