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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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

**HONORING CAPTAIN FRED GONSALVES ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE NEWPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Introduced By: Representatives Martin, and Abney

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Captain Fred Gonsalves began his career with the Newport Police
2 Department as a Patrol Officer in the Uniform Patrol Division on December 5th of 1983. He
3 subsequently served as a Field Training Officer, a member of the Special Response Team, an
4 Honor Guard member, a Firearms Instructor, and as the first Community Oriented Police Officer
5 in the state; and

6 WHEREAS, By consistently demonstrating integrity and outstanding leadership skills,
7 Captain Gonsalves rose through the ranks. In 1995, he was appointed to Detective, serving in the
8 Vice/Narcotics Unit. In 1997, he was promoted to Sergeant, where he served as a Patrol
9 Supervisor, Special Response Team Supervisor, and Traffic Sergeant, and in 2004, he was again
10 promoted, this time achieving the rank of Lieutenant, serving as the Patrol Watch Commander, an
11 Internal Affairs Lieutenant, the Special Response Team Commander, and Acting Service Captain;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Ultimately, Captain Gonsalves was promoted to his current rank of Captain
14 on May 5th of 2007. He has served as the Patrol Commander and Services Commander and as
15 Acting Chief when the Chief was unavailable; and

16 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the department, Captain Gonsalves has continued his
17 training and education. He holds a Master's degree from Salve Regina University, is certified as a
18 Drug Abuse Resistance Education Officer and an Emergency Medical Technician, and has been a
19 Women's Self Defense Tactics Instructor and a Firearms Instructor; and

1 WHEREAS, Captain Gonsalves has amassed an inspiring record of untarnished
2 excellence and accomplishment. He has earned numerous awards, citations, and honors, and is a
3 member of a plethora of professional organizations; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition, Captain Gonsalves coordinated and managed the deployment
5 for the Newport Tall Ships in 2007 and the Presidential visit of George Bush in 2007; and

6 WHEREAS, An officer and a gentleman, Captain Gonsalves has served and protected the
7 people of the City of Newport for more than twenty-five years and he is eminently worthy of our
8 emulation and acknowledgement; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
10 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes, honors, and thanks Captain Fred Gonsalves on the
11 occasion of his retirement after more than 25 years of steadfast and unselfish service to the people
12 of the City of Newport and the State of Rhode Island. We wish him good health, fulfillment, and
13 continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
15 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Captain Fred Gonsalves.

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