

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 302

Approved July 10, 2023

WHEREAS, Hugh T. Clements, Jr. was sworn into the Providence Police Department in May of 1985, starting a distinguished career as a patrol officer on the night shift in the Uniform Division; and

WHEREAS, Over the following seventeen years he rose through the ranks of the Police Department working in the Special Investigations Bureau and the Detective Bureau where he played an active role in several investigations; and

WHEREAS, After being promoted to the rank of Major of the Uniform Division and then promoted to Deputy Chief before being appointed as the 37<sup>th</sup> Chief of the Providence Police Department; and

WHEREAS, After being appointed to the position of Colonel he served admirably for twelve years with the respect of the officers of the department, City leaders, business leaders and the community; and

WHEREAS, During his storied career, he received numerous accolades for outstanding police work, including the Chief's Award on three occasions, outside agency awards from the FBI, ATF and DEA along with the White House Champions of Change Award for Reducing Drug Use and Building a Healthier America. He is a member of the RI Attorney General Criminal of Justice Hall of Fame and received the Non-Violence Institute's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award in the name of Founder Sister Ann Keefe; and

WHEREAS; After thirty-seven years of dedicated service, Colonel Clements retired to accept an appointment by United States Attorney General Merrick Garland to serve in the Department of Justice as the Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS); and

WHEREAS; In light of his many successes and accomplishments he has never strayed far from his roots as a patrol officer in the Uniform Division, starting each shift in roll call, where supervisors take attendance, inspect officers and their uniforms, and brief officers on any outstanding incidents that may have occurred, inform officers of situations to be looking out for and relate any law or procedural changes; and

WHEREAS; Such roll call takes place in the Auditorium on the main floor of the Providence Public Safety Complex; and

WHEREAS; Colonel Clements in his various roles as a patrol officer and in his leadership roles spent many a moment in roll call.



NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council does hereby recognize Colonel Hugh T. Clements for his selfless service to our City and does hereby commemorate such service by naming the Auditorium, where roll call takes place, to be known as "Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr. Auditorium" where officers, current and future will be inspired to continue the exemplary service each day, each shift at roll call in this auditorium.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mayor of Providence, the Chief of Police, and Colonel Hugh T. Clements, Jr.

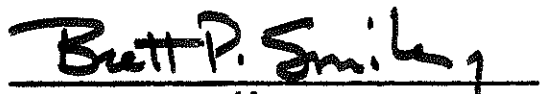
IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor

Date: 7/10/2023