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Sen. Coyne sworn in as General Assembly begins

STATE HOUSE – Cynthia A. Coyne (D-Dist. 32, Barrington, Bristol, East Providence) was formally sworn into office today as the 2015-2016 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly convened.

Senator Coyne is one of three new members of the Senate who took the oath of office, which was administered to all 38 members by Rhode Island's newly inaugurated Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea.

The Senate began its legislative year with a program of activities that included the re-election of Sen. M. Teresa Paiva Weed (D-Dist. 13, Newport, Jamestown) as President of the Senate. Elected to the post in January 2009, President Paiva Weed began her fourth two-year term today with an address to the Senate members and other assembled officials and guests.

Senator Coyne served on the Barrington Town Council from 2010 to 2014. She served as a Rhode Island state trooper from 1985 to 2006, rising through the ranks to lieutenant after having served in uniform, detective and administrative positions. Now retired from the State Police, she is a consultant in law enforcement compliance, serving as a certified assessor for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc., and administrative supervisor for Johnson & Wales University's Department of Safety & Security.

She graduated from University Rhode Island in 1983 with a bachelor's in political science and economics, and received her bachelor's in administration of justice from Roger Williams University in 1989. In 1990, she graduated from the F.B.I. National Academy. She and her husband Jerry Coyne have four children, Katie, Patrick, Ian and Meghan.

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