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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016**

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

COMMEMORATING THE EFFORTS OF THE NINE ORGANIZATIONS NAMED IN THE  
CREATIVE & CULTURAL ECONOMY BOND INITIATIVE ON MAY 24, 2016

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Morin, Azzinaro, Blazejewski, and Malik

Date Introduced: May 24, 2016

Referred To: House read and passed

1           WHEREAS, In November of 2014, Rhode Island voters approved bond issues to fund a  
2 "Creative and Cultural Economy Bond" initiative that provided \$5 million for an historic  
3 preservation grant program to be operated by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage  
4 Commission and a \$30 million arts and economy grant initiative to be operated by the Rhode  
5 Island State Council on the Arts (RISCA); and

6           WHEREAS, Of the \$30 million cultural facilities bond, approximately \$23.1 million  
7 went to support capital projects and the remaining \$6.9 million went to support capital  
8 improvement, preservation and renovation projects for public and nonprofit artistic, performance  
9 centers, historic sites, museums and cultural art centers located throughout the State of Rhode  
10 Island; and

11           WHEREAS, Nine significant arts and cultural organizations, located throughout the state,  
12 received these grants, and in addition, the bond funded a competitive matching grant program for  
13 other eligible arts facilities across the state; and

14           WHEREAS, The nine organizations are the Trinity Repertory Company, the Rhode  
15 Island Philharmonic, the Newport Performing Arts Center, the United Theater/Westerly Land  
16 Trust, The Chorus of Westerly, The Stadium Theater Conservatory in Woonsocket, the 2nd Story  
17 Theater, AS220, and Waterfire Providence; and

18           WHEREAS, Together, these organizations account for nearly \$200 million in annual  
19 economic activity and more than 1,900 jobs in Rhode Island, and during the life of the bond, the

1 improvements made to these facilities will create 612 temporary jobs and 568 permanent jobs;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, The arts and cultural sector creates jobs, stimulates tourism, and builds and  
4 revitalizes our downtowns, neighborhoods and communities, and these nine organizations have  
5 contributed significantly to both the state and local economy, brightening the quality of life for all  
6 Rhode Islanders; now, therefore be it

7 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
8 Providence Plantations hereby recognizes the contributions made by our state's arts and cultural  
9 sector and commemorating the efforts of the nine organizations named in the Creative & Cultural  
10 Bond Initiative on May 24th, 2016; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
12 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to the Trinity Repertory Company, the Rhode  
13 Island Philharmonic, the Newport Performing Arts Center, the United Theater/Westerly Land  
14 Trust, The Chorus of Westerly, The Stadium Theater Conservatory in Woonsocket, the 2nd Story  
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