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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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JOINT RESOLUTION

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$250,000 FOR THE TRINITY REPERTORY  
COMPANY PROJECT DISCOVERY PROGRAM

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Hull, Slater, Diaz, and Ajello

Date Introduced: April 28, 2016

Referred To: House Finance

1 WHEREAS, To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Project Discovery and hearkening to  
2 the roots of the program, Trinity Repertory Company, the State Theater of Rhode Island,  
3 proposes to pilot the Grade 11 Project; and

4 WHEREAS, The Grade 11 Project will provide every 11th grade student in the State of  
5 Rhode Island with a free Project Discovery performance of a planned production of a  
6 Shakespearian classic in February/ March 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, This bold initiative, which would build on the state's position as an arts and  
8 culture epicenter, is one that only a state the size of Rhode Island could successfully achieve. The  
9 educational, workforce development and economic impact of this initiative will be noticed  
10 nationally and in the lives of the thousands of Rhode Island students served; and

11 WHEREAS, In the first years of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), established  
12 with legislation written by Senator Claiborne Pell, the NEA selected three theaters nationally to  
13 pilot a major arts education and outreach initiative. Trinity Repertory was one of the theaters  
14 selected in 1966, launching the pioneering Project Discovery Program. Project Discovery has  
15 now served more than 1.3 million students and its success has led to replication at hundreds of  
16 theaters across the country; now, therefore be it

17 RESOLVED, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not  
18 otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year 2016-2017, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand  
19 dollars (\$250,000) to the Trinity Repertory Company to implement the Project Discovery

- 1 Program; and the state controller is hereby authorized and directed to draw his orders upon the
- 2 general treasurer for the payment of said sum, upon receipt of properly authenticated vouchers.

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