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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

JOINT RESOLUTION

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

Introduced By: Senators Miller, Goodwin, Ruggiero, Pichardo, and Goldin

Date Introduced: April 07, 2016

Referred To: Senate 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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EXPLANATION
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- 1 This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$250,000 to the Trinity
- 2 Repertory Company Project Discovery Program.

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