

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2023

HOUSE RESOLUTION

THANKING DOUGLAS BRINKLEY FOR HIS INFORMATIVE AND INSPIRING VISIT TO  
THE RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE AND CONGRATULATING HIM FOR TAKING  
HOME THE GOLD AT THE 65TH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS

Introduced By: Representatives Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Cortvriend, Chippendale,  
Carson, Costantino, Shallcross Smith, Ajello, Kennedy, and Fogarty

Date Introduced: March 09, 2023

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Douglas Brinkley is a Professor of History and the Katherine Tsanoff  
2 Brown Chair in Humanities at Rice University. He is also a renowned author and two-time  
3 Grammy Award winner; and

4 WHEREAS, On Thursday, January 26th, Douglas Brinkley was welcomed and  
5 recognized by the House Chamber for his innumerable achievements and informative discussions  
6 with House members; and

7 WHEREAS, On February 5th of 2023 at the 65th annual Grammy Awards, Mr. Brinkley  
8 took home the gold in the Best Latin Jazz Album category for his work co-producing "Fandango  
9 At The Wall In New York" by Arturo O'Farrill and The Afro Latin Jazz Orchestra, featuring the  
10 Conga Patria Son Jarocho Collective. In 2017, he won his first Grammy in the Best Large Jazz  
11 Ensemble Album category for "Presidential Suite: Eight Variations on Freedom"; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his Grammys, Mr. Brinkley is an acclaimed best-selling  
13 author of more than thirty books including "The Rosa Parks Story", "Going Upriver", "Tour of  
14 Duty: John Kerry and the Vietnam War", "The Vatican Revealed", "The Unfinished Presidency:  
15 Jimmy Carter's Journey Beyond the White House", "Gerald R. Ford", "The Great Deluge:  
16 Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast" that received the Robert F.  
17 Kennedy Book Award, and recently, "Cronkite" which won the Sperber Prize; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Brinkley is the official U.S. Presidential Historian, served  
19 as Director of the Theodore Roosevelt Center for American Civilization, is a history commentator

1 for CBS News and a contributing editor to the magazines "Vanity Fair" and "American Heritage";  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, For all his merited accomplishments, Douglas Brinkley is truly an  
4 inspiration to us all and he is eminently worthy of our praise and acknowledgement; now,  
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby  
7 heartily congratulates Douglas Brinkley for his most recent Grammy Award and his innumerable  
8 literary achievements. We moreover extend best wishes for his continued success, happiness and  
9 good health; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Douglas Brinkley.

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