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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

HONORING AND THANKING DAVE PERTUSO FOR THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF
DEDICATED AND EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE RHODE ISLAND ZOOLOGICAL
SOCIETY AND ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale, Diaz,
Kennedy, Fogarty, Serpa, Boylan, and Noret

Date Introduced: January 21, 2025

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Dave Pertuso, Chief Administrative Officer at Roger Williams Park Zoo,
2 which is supported and managed by the Rhode Island Zoological Society, is retiring after having
3 dedicated more than three decades to the growth and success of the Roger Williams Park Zoo;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Roger Williams Park Zoo is the number one, most-beloved family and
6 tourist attraction in Rhode Island, and is a leader in conservation efforts and environmental
7 education; and

8 WHEREAS, The growth and success of Roger Williams Park Zoo is dependent on
9 myriad factors, not the least of which is the Zoo's financial health, which Dave Pertuso has
10 nurtured and cultivated throughout his years of service, most notably his leadership and guidance
11 through the financial challenges occurring during the pandemic; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to his financial prowess and love for the Zoo, Mr. Pertuso has
13 consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and professionalism which has assisted
14 the Zoological Society to develop support and education for endangered species and general
15 conservation issues to the benefit of all mankind; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with Roger Williams Park Zoo, Mr. Pertuso has
17 earned the respect, admiration and gratitude of his colleagues and clients through his unwavering
18 dedication and positive attitude; now, therefore be it

19 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby join

1 together with the Rhode Island Zoological Society Team in extending heartfelt best wishes to
2 Dave Pertuso and wish him a happy and well-deserved retirement, the best of health, and success
3 in all his future endeavors; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
5 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Dave Pertuso.

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