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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

**HONORING THE SANDRA FEINSTEIN - GAMM THEATRE AND WISHING THEM WELL  
ON THEIR MOVE TO JEFFERSON BOULEVARD IN WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND**

Introduced By: Representatives McNamara, Shekarchi, Shanley, Solomon, and Vella-Wilkinson

Date Introduced: February 28, 2018

Referred To: House Municipal Government

1           WHEREAS, The award-winning Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre (known widely as  
2 "The Gamm") was originally founded in 1984 by seven graduates of Trinity Rep Conservatory.  
3 They called themselves "Alias Stage" and performed as an artistic group in the Riverside Mills in  
4 the Olneyville neighborhood in Providence; and

5           WHEREAS, The company moved to Atlantic Mills in 1989 after their original home was  
6 destroyed by fire, and in 1994, after receiving backing from a newly formed Board of Directors,  
7 they relocated to a space in the Jewelry District in Providence and developed a sterling and  
8 widespread reputation for the richness of the plays they produced, especially their Shakespeare  
9 productions, and the high-quality acting performances their plays showcased; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1998, Alias Stage was renamed the Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre after  
11 receiving a gift from the Feinstein Family Trust. Attendance tripled in response to the splendid  
12 and affordable entertainment being offered to the community and, as a result, The Gamm outgrew  
13 its 75 seat facility and needed a new home; and

14           WHEREAS, In 2005, "The Gamm" re-opened in a 135 seat theater within the Pawtucket  
15 National Guard Armory. Thanks in large part to the outstanding innovation and creativity fostered  
16 by Artistic Director Tony Estrella, the skillful leadership provided by Managing Director Oliver  
17 Dow, and with the support of numerous administrative staff, benefactors, and many talented  
18 actors and creative personnel, The Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre has received many awards  
19 over the years in honor of its outstanding productions. The Gamm was awarded the 2008 Elliot

1 Norton Award for Outstanding New Script for "Radio Free Enterprise", the 2009 Elliot Norton  
2 Award for Outstanding Performance by a Small Company for "Awake and Sing" and the 2010  
3 Elliot Norton Award Special Citation stating that "The Gamm has firmly established itself as a  
4 theatrical jewel in our region"; and

5 WHEREAS, Within the artistic community, The Gamm's reputation as being one of the  
6 finest small theater companies in the region is widespread. The Boston Globe has written about  
7 The Gamm that with its "Versatility, vision, and willingness to challenge audiences, The Gamm  
8 has emerged as one of the most dynamic theater companies in New England"; now, therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and  
10 Providence Plantations hereby honors the Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre, for its more than  
11 thirty years of artistic excellences, and wishes them well on their move to Jefferson Boulevard in  
12 Warwick, for the 2018-2019 season; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to  
14 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to Mr. Tony Estrella, Artistic Director, Sandra  
15 Feinstein-Gamm Theatre.

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