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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

**WELCOMING THE 2017-2018 VOLVO OCEAN RACE TO NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND,
ON MAY 19-20, 2018**

Introduced By: Representatives Carson, Abney, Ruggiero, Morgan, and Mattiello

Date Introduced: May 08, 2018

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, The prestigious Volvo Ocean Race is a yacht race around the world, held
2 every three years. While the route varies from year to year, the race typically begins in Europe in
3 mid-October and concludes sometime in June after an eight to nine month journey. Each entry
4 has seven to eleven crew members who race day and night for up to twenty days at a time and
5 experience temperatures that range from 23 degrees Fahrenheit to 104 degrees Fahrenheit; and

6 WHEREAS, The 2017-2018 Volvo Ocean Race is the 13th time this competition has
7 been run. The current race began in Alicante, Spain, and will run through numerous ports of call
8 across the world including Lisbon, Portugal, Cape Town, South Africa, Melbourne, Australia,
9 Hong Kong, China, Guangzhou, China, Auckland, New Zealand, Itajai, Brazil, Newport, Rhode
10 Island, United States, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom, Gothenburg, Sweden, and The Hague,
11 Netherlands; and

12 WHEREAS, Newport will proudly host the Volvo Ocean Race for the second time, as it
13 also hosted this important race in 2015 for the 12th edition of this race. The City By The Sea, one
14 of our nation's most important sailing hubs, is the perfect place to hold leg 9 of the Volvo Ocean
15 Race and the In-Port race thanks to its incredible beauty, delectable food, first-class restaurants,
16 wonderful shops, taverns and galleries, glorious coastline, dazzling beaches, and a community
17 whose passion for sailing rivals any place on the globe; and

18 WHEREAS, Newport is also fortunate to be the home of Sail Newport, Inc, an
19 organization founded in 1893, and dedicated to bringing the joy and excitement of sailing to the

1 wider public, and to preserving our precious natural resources. Thanks to its hard work and
2 dedication, Sail Newport is New England's largest public sailing center and Rhode Island's
3 premier public sailing site; now, therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
5 Providence Plantations hereby welcomes the 2017-2018 Volvo Ocean Race to Newport, Rhode
6 Island, on May 19-20 of 2018; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Honorable Henry F. Winthrop, Mayor of
9 the City of Newport.

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