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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2022

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING THE 150TH BIRTHDAY OF THE ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO AND
PROCLAIMING APRIL 1, 2022, AS "ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO DAY" IN THE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

Introduced By: Representatives Slater, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Diaz, J Lombardi, Hull,
Biah, Batista, Morales, and Kislak

Date Introduced: March 31, 2022

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the
2 way its animals are treated." At Roger Williams Park Zoo, the animals' welfare rules and
3 conservation and environmental education are rigorously advanced and bestowed; and

4 WHEREAS, Roger Williams Park Zoo is the 3rd oldest zoo in the country and is the
5 most visited single attraction in Rhode Island, with a record 835,000 visitors last year; and

6 WHEREAS, What began as a scattered collection of small animals, purely for
7 entertainment, has today evolved into one of our region's foremost centers for conservation and
8 environmental education; and

9 WHEREAS, Educational programs at the Zoo directly touch more than 138,000 learners
10 of all ages each year; and

11 WHEREAS, As leaders in conservation and animal care, Roger Williams Park Zoo
12 provides engaging experiences for the young and old, empowering guests to learn about and join
13 in wildlife conservation, and the beauty and preservation of wild places; and

14 WHEREAS, The Roger Williams Park Zoo was the first zoo in New England to earn
15 accreditation from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), and over the past two decades,
16 its national and international conservation efforts have been recognized with more than twenty
17 awards from AZA and the US Fish and Wildlife Service; and

18 WHEREAS, This year marks the 150th Birthday of Rhode Island's treasure, the Roger
19 Williams Park Zoo. "Somethin' tells me it's all happening at the zoo. I do believe it. I do believe

1 it's true"; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
3 celebrates the 150th Birthday of Roger Williams Park Zoo in Providence, and proclaims April 1,
4 2022, as "Roger Williams Park Zoo Day" in our State; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
6 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Stacey Johnson, Executive Director of the
7 Roger Williams Park Zoo and Ron Patalano, Deputy Zoo Director/Operations.

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