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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

CELEBRATING AND THANKING THOMAS DAMBO FOR BRINGING HIS ARTISTIC
TALENTS AND WORLD-RENOWNED GIANT TROLLS FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF ALL
RHODE ISLANDERS

Introduced By: Representatives McEntee, Shekarchi, Blazejewski, Chippendale,
Morales, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Craven, Caldwell, and Cotter

Date Introduced: May 02, 2024

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Renowned Danish artist, Thomas Dambo is on a mission to “Waste No
2 More” and in May of 2024, his noble pursuit and creative vision is bringing joy and whimsy to
3 the delight of all Rhode Islanders with the installation of a pair of gentle giants; and

4 WHEREAS, Two beautiful giant Trolls, made of recycled and reclaimed wood, will be
5 unveiled at their new home in Ninigret Park in Charlestown with the hope that they will be the
6 beginning of a troll trail across the State; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Dambo is the world’s leading recycle artist, with his creations exhibited
8 in more than 20 countries on 5 continents, including the USA, China, Brazil, Australia, Great
9 Britain, Germany, France, South Korea, Chile, and Puerto Rico. Currently, there are 125 Trolls in
10 the world, with 44 of them residing in the United States, but his ultimate desire is to build 1,000
11 Trolls using recycled material from all over the world. He has also built more than 7,000
12 birdhouses across the globe; and

13 WHEREAS, The South County Tourism Council sponsored Mr. Dambo’s unique Trolls
14 with the goal of attracting more visitors and adding an additional economic driver to Rhode
15 Island. The Council is a nonprofit organization “dedicated to promoting the towns of
16 Charlestown, Coventry, East Greenwich, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, North Kingstown,
17 Richmond, South Kingstown, West Greenwich and Westerly as a single leisure travel destination
18 known as ‘South County’”; and

19 WHEREAS, It is vital to recognize the important relationship between the arts and our

1 quality of life, and that the arts and a thriving state economy is an essential element in humanity's
2 vast effort to develop, expand, and preserve this world for future generations; now, therefore be it

3 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island hereby
4 celebrates and thanks Thomas Dambo for bringing his artistic talents and world-renowned giant
5 Trolls for the enjoyment of all Rhode Islanders. We moreover wish him good health, much
6 happiness, and continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
8 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Thomas Dambo, and Faye Pantazopoulos,
9 Creative Director South County Tourism Council.

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