

No. R-5 (Special Session). House concurrent resolution in memory of orchestral conductor and music scholar Andrew Massey of Montgomery.

(H.C.R.4)

Offered by: Representative Weed of Enosburgh

Whereas, Andrew Massey's roles as an orchestral and chamber music conductor, teacher, and scholar coalesced in a memorable musicological career centered initially in his native England, where he was born on May 1, 1946, and later in the United States, of which he became a citizen in 2002, and

Whereas, he earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Oxford University and a second master's in the analysis of contemporary composition techniques at the University of Nottingham, and

Whereas, Andrew Massey taught as a senior lecturer in music at Middlesex University in London (England), and his scholarly interests extended to the presentation of research papers on philosophy, and

Whereas, his American educational associations included serving as a visiting scholar at Brown University and as the conductor of the Middlebury College Orchestra and the Vermont Youth Orchestra, and

Whereas, the composers he championed as a conductor extended chronologically from J.S. Bach to Gustav Mahler to Edward Elgar to Benjamin Britten and onward to contemporary American composers, and

Whereas, his love of Mahler was apparent both in his programming decisions and his MAHLER automotive license plate, and

Whereas, Andrew Massey's resume of professional conducting posts was impressive, including serving as the assistant conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra; associate conductorships with the San Francisco Symphony and the former New Orleans Philharmonic Symphony; music directorships at the Toledo Symphony Orchestra, the Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, the Fresno Philharmonic, the Oregon Mozart Players, the Racine Symphony Orchestra, and the Indonesia National Symphony Orchestra; and guest appearances and temporary assignments with many other ensembles, including the Green Mountain Mahler Festival and the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, for which he conducted summer tours in 2007 and 2012 and led the 2012 Farmers Night State House concert, and

Whereas, this distinguished conductor and scholar died on June 1, 2018 at 72 years of age in Montgomery, following a valiant battle against cancer, and his survivors include his wife, Sabra, and their children, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly expresses its sincere condolences to the family of Andrew Massey, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send copies of this resolution to the members of Andrew Massey's family.