

NO. R-13. SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
THE VERMONT STATE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA ON ITS 75TH  
ANNIVERSARY.

(S.C.R.4)

By Senators Doyle, Cummings, Scott and Carris,

By Representatives Clarkson of Woodstock, Adams of Hartland, Ainsworth of Royalton, Andrews of Rutland City, Baker of West Rutland, Bohi of Hartford, Botzow of Pownal, Branagan of Georgia, Bray of New Haven, Clerkin of Hartford, Conquest of Newbury, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Grad of Moretown, Haas of Rochester, Helm of Castleton, Hooper of Montpelier, Howard of Rutland City, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Komline of Dorset, Larson of Burlington, Lippert of Hinesburg, Lorber of Burlington, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McDonald of Berlin, McFaun of Barre Town, McNeil of Rutland Town, Miller of Shaftsbury, Minter of Waterbury, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, O'Brien of Richmond, Partridge of Windham, Pellett of Chester, Pugh of S. Burlington, Ram of Burlington, Shand of Weathersfield, Smith of Mendon, Stevens of Waterbury, Sweaney of Windsor, Till of Jericho, Toll of Danville, Turner of Milton, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Wheeler of Derby, Wizowaty of Burlington and Zenie of Colchester,

*Whereas*, in 1934, European-trained conductor Alan Carter of Woodstock organized a group of musicians from throughout Vermont as the Vermont Symphony Orchestra (VSO), and

*Whereas*, the stature of the orchestra rose quickly, and in 1939, the General Assembly adopted a joint resolution “officially naming ‘Vermont State Symphony Orchestra’ and appropriating funds to assist in defraying expenses of its concert at New York World’s Fair”, making the VSO the nation’s first official state symphony orchestra, and

*Whereas*, during the VSO’s 50th anniversary celebration from 1984 to 1986, and under the leadership of its second conductor, Efrain Guigui, an

ensemble of VSO musicians visited each Vermont city and town as part of “The 251 Project,” and

*Whereas*, in 1991, the VSO turned to Kate Tamarkin as its third conductor, marking a major milestone for women in the conducting profession and the presentation of wonderful renditions of the orchestral repertoire under her skillfully directed baton, and

*Whereas*, in 1999, the VSO appointed internationally famous violin virtuoso Jaime Laredo as its fourth conductor, and his leadership has featured stunning interpretations of classic and new works for orchestra, famous soloists and appreciative audiences, and

*Whereas*, each autumn, the VSO’s “Made in Vermont Music Festival” brings chamber music and compositions by Vermont composers to venues across the state, and a rousing summer “pops” program featuring the full orchestra is heard annually at outdoor sites such as Shelburne Farms, and

*Whereas*, the SymphonyKids' series introduces thousands of youngsters to the wonders of classical music in programs that are entertaining, and

*Whereas*, the VSO has performed new American music as a participant in the joint League of American Orchestras and Meet the Composer's Ford Made in America commissioning project, featuring an orchestra from every state, and

*Whereas*, VSO Farmers' Nights' performances have brought free orchestral concerts to state house audiences, and

*Whereas*, in celebration of the VSO's 75th anniversary, the orchestra's Masterworks series is featuring "Music of Our Times" concerts with music composed since the orchestra's establishment in 1934, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra on its 75th anniversary, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Alan Jordan, the Executive Director of the Vermont State Symphony Orchestra in Burlington.