

NO. R-21. HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING  
THE LOST NATION THEATER OF MONTPELIER ON ITS  
DESIGNATION AS ONE OF THE BEST REGIONAL THEATERS IN  
AMERICA.

(H.C.R.7)

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Hooper of  
Montpelier and McDonald of Berlin

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle and Scott

Whereas, for two decades, Vermont's capital city has served as the home of  
outstanding dramatic presentations at the city hall stage of the Lost Nation  
Theater, and

Whereas, under the leadership of founder and artistic director Kim Bent and  
producing artistic director Kathleen Keenan, this innovative Vermont-based  
professional theater company has delved into many genres of drama ranging  
from the works of William Shakespeare to those of Tennessee Williams, and

Whereas, one of Lost Nation Theater's artistic objectives is to showcase  
Vermont play wrights, including David Budbill whose Judevine returned to the  
stage in 2008, and

Whereas, long-recognized locally as a theatrical treasure, the Lost Nation  
Theater's stellar reputation has now spread far beyond Vermont's borders, and

Whereas, in July 2008, the prestigious Drama League of New York  
designated the Lost Nation Theater company as "one of the best regional  
theaters in America," a selection based both on the excellence of the theater's  
productions and its "commitment to doing work that is relevant to the  
community," and

Whereas, as a recipient of this award, Lost Nation Theater joins a roster of some of the leading theater companies in the United States including Chicago's Steppenwolf Theater Company, the Yale Repertory Theater in New Haven, the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis, and the Public Theater in New York, and

Whereas, Lost Nation Theater's productions will now be promoted in the Drama League of New York's print and electronic publications, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lost Nation Theater on its earning the New York Drama League's designation as "one of the best regional theaters in America," and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of state be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kim Bent at the Lost Nation Theater in Montpelier.