

**No. R-160. House concurrent resolution congratulating Joel Najman on his 30th anniversary as Vermont Public Radio's rock and roll impresario.**

(H.C.R.101)

Offered by: Representatives Dakin of Chester, Botzow of Pownal, Brennan of Colchester, Campion of Bennington, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Consejo of Sheldon, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Evans of Essex, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gallivan of Chittenden, Goodwin of Weston, Haas of Rochester, Heath of Westford, Higley of Lowell, Jewett of Ripton, Keenan of St. Albans City, Koch of Barre Town, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Macaig of Williston, Martin of Springfield, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Partridge of Windham, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Pugh of South Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Scheuermann of Stowe, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Taylor of Barre City, Townsend of Randolph, Townsend of South Burlington, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Webb of Shelburne, Yantachka of Charlotte, and Young of Glover

Offered by: All Members of the Senate

Whereas, Vermont Public Radio's (VPR) My Place host Joel Najman, a member of the Vermont Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame, has become a Vermont broadcasting legend whose weekly presentation of 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s rock and roll music contains far more than the spinning of old 45 records, playing CDs, or selecting computerized music files for his loyal listeners' enjoyment, and

Whereas, each week, he chooses a topic or theme such as Fifty Years Ago, Singing With Your Kids, Hello Songs, or Songs About Radio, and

Whereas, listeners to public radio expect erudite commentary about the music they are hearing, and Joel Najman does not disappoint, and

Whereas, before his desire for a broadcasting career became irresistible, Joel Najman nearly completed a doctorate in experimental psychology at the University of Vermont, and he applies this academic background when researching the anthropological, historical, musicological, and psychological aspects of the music presented on his weekly VPR broadcast, and

Whereas, the enormity of Joel Najman's effort is reflected in his recording several hours of material for a My Place episode that he edits down to a concise one hour, and

Whereas, Joel Najman began his broadcasting career at WRMC, the Middlebury College radio station, and while still a student at the college commuted on a ferry boat across Lake Champlain to his first professional radio job at WIPS in Ticonderoga, New York, and

Whereas, his radio career has included serving as a morning announcer, program director, and news director at different radio stations in Vermont, and

Whereas, Joel Najman derives much enjoyment and satisfaction from his role as the host and producer of VPR's My Place, and

Whereas, he writes about rock music and has even hosted a My Place rock and roll evening at the Barre Labor Hall at which he served as a combination DJ and rock historian, and

Whereas, since 1982, My Place has earned a special place on the VPR schedule, and Joel Najman is proud to have brought the sounds of rock and roll to music fans in Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Joel Najman on his 30th anniversary as Vermont Public Radio's rock and roll impresario, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Joel Najman at Vermont Public Radio.