

**No. R-204. House concurrent resolution congratulating the Bennington Children's Chorus on its silver anniversary.**

(H.C.R.153)

Offered by: Representatives Morrissey of Bennington, Corcoran of Bennington, Campion of Bennington, and Mook of Bennington

Offered by: Senators Hartwell and Sears

Whereas, Barbara Kourajian established the Bennington Children's Chorus in 1987 for the purpose of giving children "the opportunity to study and perform the finest choral literature," and

Whereas, although they focus primarily on the performance of classical music, the youngsters work with choral compositions old and new from many genres, including folk, and sing in a variety of languages, and

Whereas, the Bennington Children's Chorus strives to "create an environment where children can experience the joy of singing," and

Whereas, all of the young singers collaborate in musical projects with other ensembles including the Sage City Symphony, the Green Mountain Youth Orchestra, the Bennington County Choral Society, the Williams College Choir, and the Battenkill Chorale, and

Whereas, Kerry Ryer-Parke, a highly regarded soprano soloist and an artist associate in voice at Williams College, has been associated with the Bennington Children's Chorus since 1993 and became its Director in 1995, and

Whereas, Valerie Peters, accompanist, Deborah Teller, production manager, and Lauren Gotlieb, chorus manager, provide support to the chorus, and

Whereas, the Board of Directors and the Friends of the Chorus contribute time and financial support to the organization, and

Whereas, the Bennington Children's Chorus has performed wonderful concerts throughout the area and provided the young singers a special opportunity to learn and appreciate the beauty of choral music, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates the Bennington Children's Chorus on its silver anniversary, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kerry Ryer-Parke at the Bennington Children's Chorus.