

No. R-147. House concurrent resolution commending the final Farmers Night Civil War Sesquicentennial anniversary presentation and the outstanding work of the Vermont Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission.

(H.C.R.111)

Offered by: Representatives Devereux of Mount Holly, Branagan of Georgia, and Jerman of Essex

Whereas, to mark the sesquicentennial anniversary of the Civil War, the Friends of the Vermont State House have observed major milestones in Vermont's role in the conflict, in the form of Farmers Night commemorative presentations at the State House, and

Whereas, on April 8, 2015, the Friends of the Vermont State House will present "BENEDICTION: Lincoln and the Battle Hymn of the Republic," the final installment in this memorable series, and

Whereas, the evening's program will focus on both the April 2015 observance of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War's conclusion and President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, and

Whereas, Seth Bongartz, President of Hildene, Vermont's Lincoln family home, will discuss President Lincoln's magnificent 1865 second inaugural address, and

Whereas, the Constitution Brass Quintet will perform Civil War music, including a number of selections that were favorites of President Lincoln, and

Whereas, Civil War historian Howard Coffin will address the impact of President Lincoln's assassination on Vermont, including the staging of funerals in the President's memory in communities throughout the State, and

Whereas, State Curator David Schütz will present a brief history of Julia Ward Howe's famous Civil War song, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, and baritone Brett Murphy will sing its famous melody combined with the words of *John Brown's Body*, which were the first documented lyrics paired with this stirring music, and

Whereas, local singer-songwriters Patti Casey and Pete Sutherland will perform the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, inviting the audience to sing along, and

Whereas, thanks will be extended to the members of the Vermont Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission for their outstanding work, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly commends the final Farmers Night Civil War Sesquicentennial anniversary presentation and the outstanding work of the Vermont Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Vermont Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission, to the Friends of the Vermont State House, and to Hildene in Manchester.