

**No. R-430. House concurrent resolution congratulating Connor Duncan, Grace Moriath, and Ayrin Southworth of Northfield, and Jasmine Wells of Barre on their selection as participants in the High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall.**

(H.C.R.337)

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield, Lewis of Berlin, LaClair of Barre Town, McFaun of Barre Town, Poirier of Barre City, and Walz of Barre City

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Doyle, and Pollina

Whereas, the High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall is a unique opportunity for talented young American and international instrumental and vocal musicians to appear on one of the world's premiere stages, and

Whereas, during the past two years, vocalists from Northfield High School—Connor Duncan and Grace Moriath in 2015, and Ayrin Southworth and Jasmine Wells in 2016—sang in the series' 260-voice chorus, and

Whereas, in each year, these young vocalists were among thousands of singers, from almost every state and a number of foreign countries, who applied to participate in this special choral performance, and

Whereas, the Vermont students were thrilled and amazed to be selected from such a large pool of aspiring applicants, and

Whereas, an important reason they performed in the Big Apple, on the Carnegie Hall stage, is their great singing coach, Maggie Cook, who directs Turkey Hill Performing Arts of Northfield, and

Whereas, in preparation for their auditions, the local singers practiced diligently for six weeks before submitting digital music files to the event's organizers, and

Whereas, each of their submissions included a song with lyrics, selected to demonstrate an ability to pronounce a foreign language correctly, and a second song to test the singer's musical range, pitch, and vocal quality, and

Whereas, in order to pay the costs of the trip, the students engaged in a number of fundraising projects, and

Whereas, this musical experience created a lasting and wonderful memory for each of these young Vermonters, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Connor Duncan, Grace Moriath, and Ayrin Southworth of Northfield, and Jasmine Wells of Barre on their selection as participants in the High School Honors Performance Series, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the student singers honored in this resolution.