

No. R-463. House concurrent resolution congratulating Lisa Bianconi on being selected as a Grammy Music Educator Award finalist.

(H.C.R.347)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Ancel of Calais, Bartholomew of Hartland, Batchelor of Derby, Beyor of Highgate, Bissonnette of Winooski, Botzow of Pownal, Bouchard of Colchester, Branagan of Georgia, Brennan of Colchester, Browning of Arlington, Burditt of West Rutland, Burke of Brattleboro, Buxton of Tunbridge, Campion of Bennington, Canfield of Fair Haven, Carr of Brandon, Christie of Hartford, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Condon of Colchester, Connor of Fairfield, Conquest of Newbury, Consejo of Sheldon, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Corcoran of Bennington, Cross of Winooski, Cupoli of Rutland City, Dakin of Chester, Davis of Washington, Deen of Westminster, Devereux of Mount Holly, Dickinson of St. Albans Town, Donaghy of Poultney, Donahue of Northfield, Donovan of Burlington, Ellis of Waterbury, Emmons of Springfield, Evans of Essex, Fagan of Rutland City, Fay of St. Johnsbury, Feltus of Lyndon, Fisher of Lincoln, Frank of Underhill, French of Randolph, Gage of Rutland City, Gallivan of Chittenden, Goodwin of Weston, Grad of Moretown, Greshin of Warren, Haas of Rochester, Head of South Burlington, Heath of Westford, Hebert of Vernon, Helm of Fair Haven, Higley of Lowell, Hooper of Montpelier, Hoyt of Norwich, Hubert of Milton, Huntley of Cavendish, Jerman of Essex, Jewett of Ripton, Johnson of South Hero, Johnson of Canaan, Juskiewicz of Cambridge, Keenan of St. Albans City, Kilmartin of Newport City, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, Klein of East Montpelier, Koch of Barre Town, Komline of Dorset, Krebs of South Hero, Krowinski of Burlington, Kupersmith of South Burlington, Lanpher of Vergennes, Larocque of Barre, Lawrence of Lyndon, Lenes of Shelburne, Lewis of Berlin, Lippert of Hinesburg, Macaig of Williston, Malcolm of Pawlet, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marcotte of Coventry, Marek of Newfane, Martin of Springfield, Martin of Wolcott, Masland of Thetford, McCarthy of St. Albans City, McCormack of Burlington, McCullough of Williston, McFaun of Barre Town, Michelsen of Hardwick, Miller of Shaftsbury, Mitchell of Fairfax, Mook of Bennington, Moran of Wardsboro, Morrissey of Bennington, Mrowicki of Putney, Myers of Essex, Nuovo of Middlebury, O'Brien of Richmond, O'Sullivan of Burlington, Pearce of Richford, Pearson of Burlington, Peltz of Woodbury, Poirier of Barre City, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Quimby of Concord, Rachelson of Burlington, Ralston of Middlebury, Ram of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Ryerson of Randolph, Savage of Swanton, Scheuermann of Stowe, Sharpe of Bristol, Shaw of Pittsford, Shaw of Derby, Smith of New Haven, South of St. Johnsbury, Spengler of Colchester, Stevens of Waterbury, Stevens of Shoreham, Strong of Albany, Stuart of Brattleboro, Sweaney of Windsor, Terenzini of Rutland Town, Till of Jericho, Toleno of Brattleboro, Toll of Danville, Townsend of South Burlington, Trieber of Rockingham, Turner of Milton, Van Wyck of Ferrisburgh, Vowinkel of Hartford, Waite-Simpson of Essex, Walz of Barre City, Webb of Shelburne, Weed of Enosburgh, Wilson of Manchester, Winters of Williamstown, Wizowaty of Burlington, Woodward of Johnson, Wright of Burlington, Yantachka of Charlotte, Young of Glover, and Zagar of Barnard

Offered by: Senators Ashe, Ayer, Baruth, Benning, Bray, Campbell, Collins, Cummings, Doyle, Flory, French, Galbraith, Hartwell, Kitchel, Lyons, MacDonald, Mazza, McAllister, McCormack, Mullin, Nitka, Pollina, Rodgers, Sears, Sirotkin, Snelling, Starr, Westman, White, and Zuckerman

Whereas, for 120 years, the Kurn Hattin Homes for Children, located in Westminster, has educated young students from troubled families, and

Whereas, music plays a special role at Kurn Hattin, and

Whereas, for nearly three decades, Lisa Bianconi has been responsible for all aspects of the Kurn Hattin music curriculum, and

Whereas, annually, her duties include overseeing nearly 40 musical performances, and

Whereas, in 2014, the Grammy Awards introduced a new Music Educator Award to recognize the importance of music education in our nation's schools, and

Whereas, the Grammy Music Educator Award had over 30,000 school-nominated candidates, including Lisa Bianconi, demonstrating extensive interest in this newly established teacher recognition, and

Whereas, after a careful review, the judges selected 217 teachers, including Lisa Bianconi, to proceed to the quarter-final round, and

Whereas, these quarterfinalists were required to write a 500-word essay explaining their philosophy of education, and

Whereas, from this extraordinary group of music teachers, 25 individuals, once again including Lisa Bianconi, were chosen to participate in a formal interview, and

Whereas, 10 of these outstanding music educators were awarded finalist status, and Lisa Bianconi was honored to be a member of this special group, and

Whereas, as a finalist for the Grammy Music Educator Award, Lisa Bianconi was awarded a \$1,000.00 honorarium, and Kurn Hattin a matching grant, and

Whereas, although she was not the ultimate winner, Lisa Bianconi feels privileged "just being a teacher to these talented kids," and

Whereas, Lisa Bianconi credits the entire Kurn Hattin community for its support in helping to make the school's musical endeavors a success, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Lisa Bianconi on being selected as a Grammy Music Educator Award finalist, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Lisa Bianconi.