

No. R-306. House concurrent resolution congratulating Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth of Northfield on their selection as participants in the High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall.

(H.C.R.232)

Offered by: Representatives Donahue of Northfield and Lewis of Berlin

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, in 2016, two 10th-grade vocalists from Northfield High School, Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth, will sing in the series' 260-voice chorus, and

Whereas, Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth were among 10,000 young singers from 48 states and eight foreign countries who applied to participate in this special choral performance, and

Whereas, both students were thrilled and amazed to be selected from such a large pool of aspiring performers, and

Whereas, an important reason they are headed to the Big Apple and 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, Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth 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 Italian lyrics, selected to demonstrate an ability to pronounce a foreign language correctly, and a second song to test the applicant's musical range, pitch, and vocal quality, and

Whereas, in order to pay for the costs of the trip, Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth are engaged in fundraising projects, including a concert at the United Church of Northfield, and

Whereas, Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth are honored and thrilled to be singing on February 7, 2016 on the Carnegie Hall stage, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth of Northfield 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 Jasmine Wells and Ayrin Southworth at Northfield High School.