

**No. R-447. House concurrent resolution welcoming Shen Yun Performing Arts to Vermont.**

(H.C.R.370)

Offered by: Representatives Wood of Waterbury, Bissonnette of Winooski, Clarkson of Woodstock, Cole of Burlington, Conquest of Newbury, Corcoran of Bennington, Dakin of Chester, Dakin of Colchester, Head of South Burlington, LaLonde of South Burlington, Lenes of Shelburne, Lippert of Hinesburg, Long of Newfane, Martin of Wolcott, McCullough of Williston, Miller of Shaftsbury, Morris of Bennington, Nuovo of Middlebury, Partridge of Windham, Potter of Clarendon, Pugh of South Burlington, Rachelson of Burlington, Russell of Rutland City, Stevens of Waterbury, Sullivan of Burlington, Townsend of South Burlington, Troiano of Stannard, Walz of Barre City, and Yantachka of Charlotte

Whereas, China was once known as Shen Zhou, the divine land, a place in which mortals and deities lived together, and where it was believed the divine transmitted a rich culture to earthly mortals, and

Whereas, Buddhist and Taoist practices, among others, contributed to the glorious culture of China in many disciplines, including music and dance, and

Whereas, during the past 60 years, any trace of classical Chinese culture has been blocked in China, and

Whereas, the world nearly lost this amazing cultural legacy, but in 2006, a group of talented classical Chinese performers formed the nonprofit and independent New York-based Shen Yun Performing Arts to ensure this special culture's continuity and accessibility, and

Whereas, Shen Yun performs classical Chinese dance and music in beautifully choreographed and costumed sequences with enthusiasm, precision, and much respect, and

Whereas, for six months each year, Shen Yun travels around the world delighting audiences with the group's historically accurate and dazzling performances, and

Whereas, Shen Yun Performing Arts is recognized as the world's premiere classical Chinese dance and music company, and

Whereas, Vermonters will have the opportunity to attend a Shen Yun performance on May 7, 2016 at the Flynn Theater in Burlington, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly welcomes Shen Yun Performing Arts to Vermont, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Shen Yen Performing Arts.