

**No. R-465.** House concurrent resolution congratulating Stowe Performing Arts on its 40th anniversary.

(H.C.R.385)

Offered by: Representative Scheuermann of Stowe

Offered by: Senator Westman

Whereas, Stowe Performing Arts (SPA) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization presenting high-quality musical performances in Stowe, and many are presented to the public for free, and

Whereas, the organization operates under the governance of a volunteer board of directors and employs an executive director, and its many loyal volunteers are essential to SPA fulfilling its cultural mission, and

Whereas, in 1976, the organization presented its first summer concerts at the former Whisker's Field on Mountain Road, and

Whereas, in the early 1980s, Johannes von Trapp invited SPA to relocate these popular events to a far more inviting venue, the meadow at Trapp Family Lodge, and the move resulted in the birth of the much-loved Music in the Meadow series, probably SPA's most noted musical endeavor, and

Whereas, Music in the Meadow starts with the popular July 4 celebratory Vermont Symphony Orchestra concert that always concludes with a rousing rendition of Tchaikovsky's 1812 overture, including a colorful fireworks display, and, in 2016, this series will also feature a variety of other musical genres, and

Whereas, a combination of sponsorships and proceeds from the Music in the Meadow concerts fund two wonderful free concert series, and

Whereas, Noon Music in May is a series of four concerts performed in the intimate setting of the Stowe Community Church, which houses a restored 1898 Steinway grand piano and a W.B. Simmons tracker organ, and the 2016 schedule features concerts of bluegrass, new tango, classical, and marimba music, and

Whereas, the Gazebo Concerts, performed on summer evenings at the Gazebo in front of the Stowe Free Library, in 2016 includes bluegrass-folk, accordion, brass band, and acoustic music, and

Whereas, raffle sales support professional musicians performing in the Stowe public schools, and

Whereas, in 2016, SPA marks 40 years of contributing to the vibrancy of the community and, on April 25, the Governor issued a proclamation to commemorate this cultural milestone, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Stowe Performing Arts on its 40th anniversary, and be it further

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