

# State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

## Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 42

House concurrent resolution honoring the creators of “Our Time” song and music video

Offered by: Representatives Troiano of Stannard, Donahue of Northfield, Jickling of Brookfield, Kitzmiller of Montpelier, and Wood of Waterbury

Whereas, 2013 Acts and Resolves No. 77 established a series of alternative ways for students to complete their secondary education, and

Whereas, the Vermont nonprofit Up for Learning has conducted the Communicating School Redesign (CSR) initiative to educate the public about these new educational options and to address possible concerns, and

Whereas, in 2015, CSR’s combined youth-adult teams and their consultants detected resistance to the Act 77 secondary education pathways, and the CSR participants determined that a student-created song could prove persuasive, and

Whereas, the song’s creation began with a two-day intensive writing session with a dozen talented Vermont student musicians who worked under the guidance of musician and teacher Brian Boyes and singer-songwriter Kris Gruen, and

Whereas, this creative collaboration resulted in the song “Our Time,” and 150 students from throughout Vermont appear in the “Our Time” music video, and

Whereas, to enhance the music video’s effectiveness, a second video, “Talking Our Time” relates the song’s composition, plus an Our Time Dialogue Guide suggests topics for discussing Act 77, and

Whereas, the individuals and organizations who contributed to the “Our Time” song and music video’s creation are Tobi April, Asia Bernatchy, Helen Beattie, Brian Boyes, Cal Burke, Henry Burke, Benjamin Burr, Ned Castle, Tailor Chapin, Anne Decker, Leah Desroches, Rebecca Elgood, Hilary Goldblatt, Kris Gruen, Grace Ecklund-Gustavson, Meredith Holch, Jacob Kaplan, Wilson Knight, Kirk Kreitz, Rebecca McGregor, Cailin O’Hara, Amy Panetta, Caleb Quittner, Eli Rivers, Sue Trecartin, Evan Warner, Dorothy Whalen, and Mary Whalen, the Cabot School Elementary Chorus, Lyndon Institute dancers, the Montpelier High School band, chorus, and orchestra, the Spaulding High School Chorus, the U-32 Orchestra, and the Waits River Valley elementary singers, and

Whereas, today, February 15, participants in the “Our Time” song’s and video’s creation are visiting the State House and displaying the video in the Cedar Creek Room, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors the creators of “Our Time” song and music video, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to each of the individuals and organizations named in this resolution.