

State of Vermont

House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 219

House concurrent resolution congratulating renowned painter Wolf Kahn on his 90th birthday

Offered by: Representatives Stuart of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Balint and White

Whereas, the painter Wolf Kahn, a part-time Brattleboro resident since 1968, is known for his colorful abstract and landscape paintings, and his artistic relationship to southern Vermont has been compared to Winslow Homer's ties to coastal Maine, and

Whereas, he was born in Stuttgart, Germany, in 1927 and by five years of age, he was drawing the musicians in the orchestra his father conducted, and

Whereas, the Kindertransport that rescued Jewish children from Nazi Germany's persecution transported him to England, preceding his immigration to the United States and graduation from the High School of Music and Art in New York City, and

Whereas, after U.S. Navy service, Wolf Kahn studied with the abstract expressionist painter Hans Hofmann and then earned a bachelor of arts from the University of Chicago in a single academic year, and

Whereas, the styles of Hofmann; the French abstract artist, portraitist, and sculptor Henri Matisse; and the American abstract painter of colorful large bloc images, Mark Rothko, are reflected in Wolf Kahn's artistic portfolio, and

Whereas, Wolf Kahn's paintings are held in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City, the Museum of Fine Art in Boston, the Smithsonian Institution art museums in Washington, D.C., and other museums, and

Whereas, his numerous Vermont landscapes are supplemented with those depicting his visits abroad to Egypt, Greece, and Kenya and in the United States to Maine, New Mexico, and Hawaii, and

Whereas, prestigious honors bestowed on Wolf Kahn include a Fulbright Scholarship and a Guggenheim Fellowship, several awards from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and most recently, the U.S. Department of State's International Medal of the Arts, recognizing his lending of paintings to the Art in Embassies program, and

Whereas, in celebration of his 90th birthday, the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center honored him with a 2017 exhibition, "Wolf Kahn: Density & Transparency," that featured the artist's brilliant capturing of the interaction of light and form and "unflagging mastery of color," now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Wolf Kahn on his 90th birthday, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Wolf Kahn and to the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center.