

State of Vermont

Senate Chamber



Montpelier, Vermont

Senate Resolution

By Senators Cummings, Perchlik and Pollina,

S.R. 7. Senate resolution relating to congratulating the Village Harmony choral music organization on its 30th anniversary.

Whereas, for the past three decades, Vermonters have enjoyed the choral performances of Village Harmony ensembles, featuring historical and contemporary shape note singing as well as a diversity of American and international musical genres, and

Whereas, in 1988, choral music director Larry Gordon assembled the first small ensemble of central Vermont high school singers known as Village Harmony, and in 1990, Village Harmony held its first teen summer camp, spawning a schedule of camps that has brought the joy of singing to youth and adult campers, and

Whereas, in 1994, Village Harmony launched a more daring venture when the teen camp traveled to Russia, initiating an exciting overseas program, and

Whereas, also in 1994, Patty Cuyler assumed the position of Village Harmony's co-director, and her leadership has been essential to the organization's activities, especially those beyond the nation's borders, and

Whereas, the Village Harmony family of ensembles now includes Boston Harmony, the Brooklyn World Music Chorus, the Chicago World Music Chorus, and its top-level group that has performed to acclaim both locally and internationally, Northern Harmony, and

Whereas, through its camps and tours, Village Harmony has become Vermont's musical ambassador to much of Europe, including the Balkans, the Baltics, and the Caucasus, as well as to Ghana and South Africa, and

Whereas, Village Harmony's international musicianship involves far more than performances for appreciative audiences, as a wonderful exchange of musical ideas and traditions occurs, and

Whereas, on Labor Day weekend 2019, the Village Harmony 30th Anniversary Reunion weekend will celebrate three decades of "international understanding, youth empowerment, and peacebuilding through the arts," *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate:

That the Senate of the State of Vermont congratulates the Village Harmony choral music organization on its 30th anniversary and wishes it continued success in its artistic endeavors, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Village Harmony, Larry Gordon, and Patty Cuyler.