

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 101

House concurrent resolution honoring spouses Eugene Uman and Elsa Borrero on their quarter century of leadership at the Vermont Jazz Center and for their individual artistic and educational contributions

Offered by: Representatives Burke of Brattleboro, Coffey of Guilford, Kornheiser of Brattleboro, Mrowicki of Putney, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Offered by: Senators Harrison and Hashim

Whereas, in 1997, jazz pianist Eugene Uman assumed the directorship of the Vermont Jazz Center (VJC) in Brattleboro, and Elsa Borrero became a leader at the institution, which they transformed into a year-round jazz hub “dedicated to creating, promoting, and preserving jazz for a broad constituency of artists, students, and the public,” and

Whereas, the educational offerings of the VJC range from youth ensembles to choruses to an in-house big band to a summer jazz workshop conducted at the Putney School, and stellar performances are held in a dedicated 250-seat hall, and a library and archives offer informative resources, and

Whereas, Eugene Uman has produced over 320 VJC concerts; has written and arranged over 150 jazz compositions; as an educator, has taught at the VJC, the Governor’s Institute on the Arts, and Amherst College; initiated a jazz studies program at the Universidad EAFIT in Medellín, Colombia; and was honored to be named a MacDowell Fellow, and

Whereas, at the VJC, the multi-talented Elsa Borrero has managed complex logistics, designed marketing materials, and served on the Center’s Board, and, as a board member, she has contributed her expertise to other cultural organizations, and

Whereas, as an educator, she has taught courses on Latin culture, designed elementary school Spanish-curriculum components, and was a leader and innovator in pedagogic education in Colombia, and her mixed-media artwork is on permanent display at museums in the United States and Colombia, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors spouses Eugene Uman and Elsa Borrero on their quarter century of leadership at the Vermont Jazz Center and for their individual artistic and educational contributions, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Eugene Uman and Elsa Borrero and to the Vermont Jazz Center.