

**No. R-136. House concurrent resolution congratulating Capital City Concerts and Karen Kevra for a quarter century of delightful and informative classical music performances and related cultural endeavors in central Vermont.**

(H.C.R.112)

Offered by Representatives Casey of Montpelier and McCann of Montpelier

Offered by Senators Cummings, Perchlik, and Watson

*Whereas*, in 2000, the Grammy Award nominee and talented classical flutist Karen Kevra established the Capital City Concerts classical music series, and

*Whereas*, through the presentation of world-renowned classical musicians in community-accessible live chamber ensemble performances, Capital City Concerts continues the legacy of Karen Kevra's mentor, the late Louis Moyse of Marlboro Music Festival fame, and

*Whereas*, under her leadership, Capital City Concerts has evolved into an admired central Vermont cultural institution that has presented more than 200 concerts, outreach programs, and masterclasses, and

*Whereas*, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Capital City Concerts produced the Muse Mentors podcast, in which Karen Kevra interviewed Vermont artists and performers, resulting in inspiring episodes that wove together conversation, music, and sound effects, and

*Whereas*, Capital City Concerts' programming enhances the Vermont economy, attracting participating musicians and attendees who patronize local businesses, and

*Whereas*, over 200 musicians from Canada, Europe, and, most significantly, throughout the United States have enjoyed playing as compensated performers under the Capital City Concerts' banner, and this local artistic organization's mentorship has helped cultivate the careers of young professional classical musicians, and

*Whereas*, in response to central Vermont's devastating July 2023 floods, Capital City Concerts staged a benefit concert raising \$10,000.00 for flood relief support, and

*Whereas*, Capital City Concerts has staged memorable performances and organized worthy community programs, both small and large, and it has garnered laudatory media coverage while elevating the area's cultural reputation, *now therefore be it*

***Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:***

That the General Assembly congratulates Capital City Concerts and Karen Kevra for a quarter century of delightful and informative classical music performances and related cultural endeavors in central Vermont, *and be it further*

***Resolved:*** That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Capital City Concerts and Karen Kevra.