

No. R-320. House concurrent resolution honoring Vermont singer-songwriter and two-time Grammy Award nominee Noah Berkenkamp Kahan for his amazing contributions to American popular music and for creating and leading the Busyhead Project.

(H.C.R.262)

Offered by Representatives Masland of Thetford, Holcombe of Norwich, and Mrowicki of Putney

Offered by Senator White

Whereas, Strafford native Noah Kahan has emerged as a bright light on the popular American music scene, and

Whereas, born in 1997, his father and mother, respectively, instructed him in guitar playing and writing, and, at eight years of age, Noah Kahan started writing songs and sharing them on social media, developing an audience for his creative oeuvre, and

Whereas, after graduating from Hanover High School in New Hampshire, Noah Kahan focused on his musicianship: his breakthrough single “Hurt Somebody” achieved gold level sales in the United States and sold well internationally; at 20 years of age, he signed a recording contract with Republic Records; he released his debut album *Busyhead* (2019), and later *I Was/I Am* (2021), and *Stick Season* (2022) became a thrilling commercial success, resulting in a Grammy Award nomination for Best New Artist, and

Whereas, in July 2024, Noah Kahan impressively played two sold-out concerts at Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts, and, in 2025, the musician’s international prestige increased with his appearance at England’s famous Glastonbury Festival of Contemporary Performing Arts, and

Whereas, there is a second aspect to Noah Kahan’s life—his establishment and dedicated leadership of the Busyhead Project in 2023, a mental health support initiative that his own challenges inspired, and

Whereas, the Busyhead Project offers “resources and information needed to end the stigma around mental health,” and since its launch, the Busyhead Project has raised over four million dollars for grants to more than 160 community mental health organizations worldwide, contributing to its objective to facilitate universal mental health care access, and

Whereas, on April 24, 2024, Noah Kahan’s greatly anticipated fourth album, *The Great Divide*, will debut for his numerous fans’ listening pleasure, *now therefore be it*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Vermont singer-songwriter and two-time Grammy Award nominee Noah Berkenkamp Kahan for his amazing contributions to American popular music and for creating and leading the Busyhead Project, *and be it further*

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Noah Kahan.