

**No. R-81. House concurrent resolution honoring Michael Arnowitt for his musical contributions to the Vermont artistic scene.**

(H.C.R.58)

Offered by: Representatives Kitzmiller of Montpelier and Hooper of Montpelier

Offered by: Senators Cummings, Brooks, and Pollina

Whereas, pianist and composer Michael Arnowitt's early musical achievements included selection as a Presidential Scholar in the Arts, and

Whereas, he studied at the Juilliard School in New York, the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, and at other academic centers, and

Whereas, Michael Arnowitt has appeared twice as a piano soloist with the Boston Symphony and has also been featured in solo performances with a variety of other distinguished musical ensembles, and

Whereas, in 2015, he finished his 26-year-long project to perform the complete 32 Beethoven piano sonatas with the pianist playing them when his age corresponded to Beethoven's at the time of a sonata's composition, and

Whereas, Michael Arnowitt has organized many benefit concerts, and

Whereas, as artistic director of the Vermont Millennium Music Festival, he programmed musical selections from the years 1000 to 2000, and

Whereas, Michael Arnowitt has conducted seven concert tours of Europe and recorded five discs of piano music, and

Whereas, he is also an avid jazz musician, and

Whereas, the film *Beyond 88 Keys* documented his career, and

Whereas, *Rutland Herald-Times Argus* music critic Jim Lowe has written that Michael Arnowitt has "sparked a classical music renaissance in central Vermont" with his intriguing and exciting programs, and

Whereas, after over three decades of residency in Montpelier, Michael Arnowitt is relocating to Michigan and performed today's musical devotional to open the House of Representatives' legislative day as a special farewell to Vermont, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Michael Arnowitt for his musical contributions to the Vermont artistic scene, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Arnowitt of Montpelier.