



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

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1 **Relating to:** the life and public service of Dr. Marvin J. Rabin.

2 Whereas, Marvin J. Rabin was born on July 12, 1916, in South Bend, Indiana;
3 and

4 Whereas, Marvin Rabin earned a bachelor's degree, majoring in history and
5 political science in the School of Education at the University of Kentucky; and

6 Whereas, Marvin Rabin, already a trained pilot, entered the United States Air
7 Force in 1942, where, as a 2nd lieutenant, he served as a flight instructor for the Free
8 French resistance fighters, as well as flying delivery missions around the globe; and

9 Whereas, following the war, Marvin Rabin earned a Master of Music and Viola
10 Performance from Eastman School of Music, where he met his wife, Rhoda, and a
11 Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from the University of Illinois; and

12 Whereas, Dr. Rabin served as Music Director of the Central Kentucky Youth
13 Symphony Orchestra from 1950 to 1958, with which he performed at Carnegie Hall;
14 and

1 Whereas, Dr. Rabin joined the Boston University faculty in 1958 and served as
2 the founding conductor and Music Director of the Greater Boston Youth Symphony
3 Orchestra from 1958 to 1964, with which he performed at the White House for
4 President and Mrs. Kennedy and at Carnegie Hall; and

5 Whereas, Dr. Rabin joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin–Extension
6 in 1966 for the purpose of developing a statewide string music education program;
7 and

8 Whereas, Dr. Rabin was the founding conductor of the Wisconsin Youth
9 Symphony Orchestras from 1966 to 1972; and

10 Whereas, Dr. Rabin helped create the National String Workshop, to train string
11 music educators, and initiated a masters program in string education at the
12 University of Wisconsin–Madison; and

13 Whereas, Dr. Rabin developed a string program in Milwaukee’s inner city, and
14 traveled extensively throughout the state of Wisconsin to assist in developing string
15 programs and mentor string teachers; and

16 Whereas, Dr. Rabin was a national and international leader in the development
17 of music education programs, particularly youth orchestras, advising youth
18 orchestra organizations across the country and around the world; and

19 Whereas, Dr. Rabin conducted all–state high school orchestras, festivals and
20 workshops in 48 states, Canada, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia,
21 and Europe; and youth orchestras in Canada, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, France,
22 England, Costa Rica, and the Soviet Union; and

23 Whereas, Dr. Rabin continued to lecture, conduct, and consult around the world
24 well into his 90s; and

