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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING PROFOUND SYMPATHY ON THE PASSING OF  
MARK P. MALKOVICH, III

Introduced By: Senators C Levesque, Paiva-Weed, and DiPalma

Date Introduced: June 04, 2010

Referred To: Recommended for Immediate Consideration

1           WHEREAS, It is with great sadness that this Senate has learned of the passing of Mark P.  
2   Malkovich, III, a legendary music impresario who nurtured and gave voice to hundreds of  
3   musicians and whose creative vision brought life and world-wide acclaim to Newport's Music  
4   Festival; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in the small mining town of Eveleth, Minnesota, Mark Malkovich  
6   discovered music at an early age. In third grade, he took up the clarinet, and at the age of fifteen,  
7   he began studying the piano. At Columbia, he studied chemistry, but music continued to inspire  
8   him. While working in the chemical industry, he took piano lessons at Juilliard; and

9           WHEREAS, Mark Malkovich knew that music could tell a story and express a soul's  
10   magnificent and powerful beauty. From his first year at the helm of Newport's Music Festival in  
11   1975, he took chances and trusted his instincts. He convinced Soviet authorities to allow Andrei  
12   Gavrilov to appear at the festival, an event that would mark the very first time a Soviet musician  
13   would be allowed to play in the West, and a decision that firmly established Malkovich's presence  
14   in the festival; and

15          WHEREAS, With a lifelong passion for music, an uncanny ability to recognize talent,  
16   and a gift for promotion, Mark Malkovich built Newport's Music Festival into a haven for diverse  
17   and fine music and a world-renowned, not-to-be-missed musical event. And although many of  
18   the Festival's performers hailed from around the world, Malkovich considered them "family"  
19   once they had performed in Newport; and

1           WHEREAS, As much an icon as the musicians he chose and enticed to Newport, Mark  
2 Malkovich's larger than life personality is described by friends as "outgoing, gregarious, and  
3 ready to greet one and all with a great hug"; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Malkovich eventually relinquished some of the day-to-day planning of  
5 the festival to his son, Mark, IV, but had continued to have a hand in the selection and  
6 recruitment of the musicians. He was joyfully married for more than fifty-one years to his wife,  
7 Joan, and in addition to his son Mark, he was the father of Kent, Erik, and Cara; and

8           WHEREAS, Mark Malkovich's passing leaves a tremendous void not only in the hearts  
9 of his beloved family and many friends, but also in Newport's Music Festival. His body of  
10 professional work leaves a distinguished legacy whose impact can be felt not only in the rhythm  
11 and melodies of the Festival he helped create, but also in the countless lives that his musical  
12 vision touched and inspired; now, therefore be it

13           RESOLVED, That this Senate of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations  
14 hereby joins the family and many friends and admirers of Mark P. Malkovich, III, in mourning  
15 his untimely passing. He will forever be remembered for his passion for life and his all-  
16 consuming love of music; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is authorized and directed to  
18 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Mrs. Joan Malkovich and Family.

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