

**No. R-142. House concurrent resolution honoring Bob Mark as an extraordinary music educator and outstanding classical violinist.**

(H.C.R.106)

Offered by: Representatives Bartholomew of Hartland, Christie of Hartford, and Lucke of Hartford

Offered by: Senators Campbell, McCormack, and Nitka

Whereas, Bob Mark's first violin teacher was a Polish immigrant who became a member of the famous NBC Symphony Orchestra, and

Whereas, Bob Mark continued his studies at the Juilliard School prep program and earned his college degree at the Crane School of Music at the State University of New York at Potsdam, and

Whereas, Bob Mark studied with luminaries of the music world, including the composer and critic Virgil Thomson, the music pedagogue Nadia Boulanger, and the orchestral and choral conductor Robert Shaw, and

Whereas, after graduating from Crane, he became a music teacher and athletic coach at the North Country School in Lake Placid, New York, and

Whereas, while still teaching at North Country, Bob Mark joined the Adirondack Ensemble and began playing with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra, which in 1971 appointed him its Assistant Concertmaster, and

Whereas, in 1974, his career path took him to Northfield Mount Hermon School (NMH), where he established an instrumental instruction program and as a sideline performed with the Wantastiquet Chamber Players with distinguished musicians, including the pianist Rudolf Serkin, the violinist Isaac Stern, and the cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, and

Whereas, after 13 years at NMH, Bob Mark was based in Putney and taught at both Keene State College and the Brattleboro Music Center, and he worked at Marlboro College with Blanche Moyses's Bach Festival, and

Whereas, in 1995, Bob Mark's passion for teaching, belief in the importance of music education, and desire to encourage young persons to experience the joy of string ensemble playing resulted in his cofounding the Upper Valley Music Center (UVMC), and

Whereas, during his dozen years at the UVMC, Bob Mark created string education programs in local schools and spurred a strong interest in youth string ensembles that continues in the Upper Valley, and

Whereas, Bob Mark has instilled in the nearly 1,000 Upper Valley students he has taught a passionate love of music, and he has guided them in the development their character, self-expression, confidence, and emotional well-being, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bob Mark as an extraordinary music educator and outstanding classical violinist, and be it further

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