

**No. R-461. House concurrent resolution congratulating 10th grade composer Susalina Francy on the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's premier of *Beowulf's Last Battle*.**

(H.C.R.345)

Offered by: Representatives Moran of Wardsboro, Burke of Brattleboro, Deen of Westminster, Goodwin of Weston, Hebert of Vernon, Manwaring of Wilmington, Marek of Newfane, Mrowicki of Putney, Partridge of Windham, Stuart of Brattleboro, Toleno of Brattleboro, and Trieber of Rockingham

Offered by: Senator White

Whereas, music has been a special focus for Wardsboro resident, Susalina Francy, as long as she can recollect, and

Whereas, the Leland and Gray 10th grader started her instrumental education in fourth grade when she learned to play the clarinet, and

Whereas, in the following years, Susie Francy has broadened her performance repertoire to include tenor sax, piano, ukulele, and a partial familiarity with other percussion instruments, and

Whereas, she performs in her school's chorus and band, and

Whereas, Susie Francy has a special fondness for composition and she has either arranged or composed music in the classical, pop, and jazz genres, and

Whereas, her compositional aspirations are nurtured through her participation in the Music Composition Online Mentoring Program, a nonprofit organization supporting Vermont student composers and musical organizations, and

Whereas, Susie Francy enjoys composing music "because it lets me express ideas that cannot be expressed as thoroughly through words," and that "speaking through music (arrangement especially) allows my unique perspective of the world to be heard," and

Whereas, at the January 22, 2014 Farmers Night State House concert, the Vermont Symphony Orchestra performed her composition, *Beowulf's Last Battle*, and the audience took pleasure in its premier performance, and

Whereas, Beowulf refers to a legendary Geatish (early Swedish) hero and king, and the composition is intended as a synopsis of this hero's final battle, but the composer explained that her musical work could be "applied to any battle, whether it be physical, social, or emotional," and

Whereas, when not musically engaged, Susie Francy has acted in school plays and volunteered with the Boys and Girls Club Summer Program and the Summer Explorer's Camp in Newfane and Townshend, and

Whereas, she is enrolled in Leland and Gray's Journey East program, an Asian immersion study program that is traveling to China to collaborate with Chinese students in cultural and theatrical activities, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates 10th grade composer Susalina Francy on the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's premier of *Beowulf's Last Battle*, and be it further

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