

No. R-467. House concurrent resolution honoring Bruce Corwin for his musical leadership of the Brattleboro American Legion Band.

(H.C.R.351)

Offered by: Representatives Toleno of Brattleboro, Burke of Brattleboro, and Stuart of Brattleboro

Whereas, in the summer of 1990, the Chester Brass, under the expert musical direction of Bruce Corwin, performed at an annual reunion of the 104th Regimental Band held at Post #5 of the American Legion in Brattleboro, and

Whereas, members of Post #5 enjoyed the concert and discussed the possibility of starting a local American Legion Band as existed in the 1930s, and

Whereas, Bruce Corwin offered to assist in organizing the band and to serve as its initial director, and

Whereas, his offer was accepted and this grand musical partnership has continued for 24 years, and

Whereas, under Bruce Corwin's leadership, the Brattleboro American Legion Band has grown to over 50 musicians, including individuals who started in 1990, and

Whereas, the axiom "practice makes perfect" is applicable to the band as it has won numerous awards, including second place at its most recent American Legion Band national competition in Salt Lake City, Utah, and

Whereas, the band has performed statewide, including on the State House lawn, as well as in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, and North Carolina, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro and the Keene, New Hampshire, American Legion Bands perform together as the Twin State American Legion Band, and

Whereas, this combined marching band plays proudly with brilliance and clarity, and it won first prize at the 1999 Troy, New York, Flag Day Parade, and

Whereas, after 24 years keeping the beat, pitch, and rhythm of the Brattleboro American Legion Band, Bruce Corwin has assumed the new title of director emeritus, and

Whereas, the Brattleboro American Legion Band has been extraordinarily fortunate that a conductor of Bruce Corwin's musical stature has devoted nearly one-quarter of a century to leading the ensemble successfully and bringing great musical entertainment to appreciative audiences, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly honors Bruce Corwin for his musical leadership of the Brattleboro American Legion Band, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Bruce Corwin and to the Brattleboro American Legion Band.