

No. R-467. House concurrent resolution thanking Diane Martin and Rita Buglass for their combined creative efforts in composing and arranging our State Song, “These Green Mountains.”

(H.C.R.387)

Offered by: All Members of the House

Whereas, in 1998, the General Assembly adopted Joint House Resolution 102, directing the Vermont Arts Council to initiate a procedure to establish a new State Song, and

Whereas, the opportunity to compose the music and lyrics that might eventually be designated as the State Song enticed over 100 entrants to apply their musical talents and creativity to this challenging task, and

Whereas, among the individuals applying their lyrical and musical skills to this project were Diane Martin and Rita Buglass, who submitted a rousing anthem entitled “These Green Mountains,” and

Whereas, after an initial review of all the songs, a panel of musical experts, with the input of many Vermonters, reviewed the eight finalists and proposed to the General Assembly that it select “These Green Mountains” for designation as the new State Song, and

Whereas, the General Assembly accepted this recommendation and enacted 2001 Acts and Resolves No. 99 designating “These Green Mountains” as the State Song, and

Whereas, Diane Martin and Rita Buglass worked tirelessly to introduce and teach the new State Song to Vermonters especially schoolchildren, and

Whereas, their personal commitment in this special educational endeavor is to be commended, and

Whereas, during the 16 years since the legislative designation of “These Green Mountains” as the State Song, it has been heard throughout the State and performed often as a devotional in the House of Representatives, and

Whereas, an official legislative expression of appreciation to the creators of our State Song is long overdue, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly thanks Diane Martin and Rita Buglass for their combined creative efforts in composing and arranging our Vermont State Song, “These Green Mountains,” and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Diane Martin, Rita Buglass, and the Vermont Arts Council.