

State of Misconsin 2013 - 2014 LEGISLATURE



2013 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

February 5, 2014 – Introduced by Senator RISSER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1	Relating to: the life and public service of Dr. Marvin J. Rabin.
2	Whereas, Marvin J. Rabin was born on July 12, 1916, in South Bend, Indiana;
3	and
4	Whereas, Marvin Rabin earned a bachelor's degree, majoring in history and
5	political science in the School of Education at the University of Kentucky; and
6	Whereas, Marvin Rabin, already a trained pilot, entered the United States Air
7	Force in 1942, where, as a 2nd lieutenant, he served as a flight instructor for the Free
8	French resistance fighters, as well as flying delivery missions around the globe; and
9	Whereas, following the war, Marvin Rabin earned a Master of Music and Viola
10	Performance from Eastman School of Music, where he met his wife, Rhoda, and a
11	Doctor of Education (Ed.D) from the University of Illinois; and
12	Whereas, Dr. Rabin served as Music Director of the Central Kentucky Youth
13	Symphony Orchestra from 1950 to 1958, with which he performed at Carnegie Hall;
14	and

1	Whereas, Dr. Rabin joined the Boston University faculty in 1958 and served as
2	the founding conductor and Music Director of the Greater Boston Youth Symphony
3	Orchestra from 1958 to 1964, with which he performed at the White House for
4	President and Mrs. Kennedy and at Carnegie Hall; and
5	Whereas, Dr. Rabin joined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin-Extension
6	in 1966 for the purpose of developing a statewide string music education program;
7	and
8	Whereas, Dr. Rabin was the founding conductor of the Wisconsin Youth
9	Symphony Orchestras from 1966 to 1972; and
10	Whereas, Dr. Rabin helped create the National String Workshop, to train string
11	music educators, and initiated a masters program in string education at the
12	University of Wisconsin-Madison; and
13	Whereas, Dr. Rabin developed a string program in Milwaukee's inner city, and
14	traveled extensively throughout the state of Wisconsin to assist in developing string
15	programs and mentor string teachers; and
16	Whereas, Dr. Rabin was a national and international leader in the development
17	of music education programs, particularly youth orchestras, advising youth
18	orchestra organizations across the country and around the world; and
19	Whereas, Dr. Rabin conducted all-state high school orchestras, festivals and
20	workshops in 48 states, Canada, South America, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia,
21	and Europe; and youth orchestras in Canada, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, France,
22	England, Costa Rica, and the Soviet Union; and
23	Whereas, Dr. Rabin continued to lecture, conduct, and consult around the world
24	well into his 90s; and

1	Whereas, Dr. Rabin earned numerous local and national honors and awards,
2	including the Wisconsin Governor's Award in Support of the Arts, and two annual
3	arts education awards are named for Dr. Rabin; and
4	Whereas, Dr. Rabin's greatest genius lay in his ability to inspire young
5	musicians to perform at their highest level and to exceed their own expectations; and
6	Whereas, Dr. Rabin touched the lives, directly and indirectly, of countless young
7	musicians, in Wisconsin and around the world; and
8	Whereas, Marvin Rabin died in Madison on December 5, 2013; now, therefore,
9	be it
10	Resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the Wisconsin
11	State Legislature expresses its appreciation for the life and public service of Dr.
12	Marvin J. Rabin; and
13	Be it further resolved, That the senate chief clerk shall provide copies of this
14	resolution to the children of Dr. Rabin, Ralph, David, and Martha Rabin.
15	(END)