

State of Vermont House of Representatives



Montpelier, Vermont

Concurrent House Resolution

H.C.R. 55

House concurrent resolution congratulating youth composer Ethan Duncan on the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's premier of his *A Year in Vermont*

Offered by: Representatives Macaig of Williston, McCullough of Williston, and Forguites of Springfield

Offered by: Senator Lyons

Whereas, Antonin Dvorak, Frederick Delius, Claude Debussy, and Henri Dutilleux were each classical music composers of great renown, whose surnames began with the letter D, and

Whereas, another classical music composer, whose surname begins with the letter D, is 12-year old Ethan Duncan, an eighth grader at the Williston Central School, and

Whereas, since starting his musical studies five years ago as a piano and euphonium student, Ethan Duncan has shown great promise as a performer, including with the Vermont Youth Orchestra's Youth Winds Brass Ensemble, and

Whereas, he has participated in the District III Music Festival, and

Whereas, Ethan Duncan's compositional odyssey has coincided with his performance studies, and

Whereas, for the last two years, Ethan has composed in association with Music-COMP (the Music Composition Online Mentoring Program), a nonprofit organization supporting student composers, and

Whereas, Ethan Duncan's performed compositions include *Serenata*, *Scottish Sailor Song*, and *Arab March*, and

Whereas, in September 2014, he was honored as VPR Classical's Student Composer of the Month, and

Whereas, on January 21, 2015, at a Farmers' Night State House concert, an ensemble of Vermont Symphony Orchestra musicians performed the world premiere of Ethan Duncan's *A Year in Vermont*, a one-movement composition offering thematic musical interpretations of Vermont's contrasting seasons, and

Whereas, Ethan Duncan spoke to the capacity audience in the House chamber immediately prior to the work's premier, and then he followed the score in front of him as the musicians performed his piece, and

Whereas, upon the playing of *A Year in Vermont's* final note, the audience gave Ethan Duncan a rousing ovation capping a memorable night that will inspire him to continue onward with his musical pursuits, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates youth composer Ethan Duncan on the Vermont Symphony Orchestra's premier of his *A Year in Vermont*, and be it further

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