

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4671, by Representative Hunt

WHEREAS, The Olympia Symphony Orchestra began community concerts in the 1920s and began regular concerts as a community-based volunteer symphony orchestra at the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, The Olympia Symphony Orchestra was officially incorporated as a nonprofit community orchestra on October 23, 1952; and

WHEREAS, The Olympia Symphony Orchestra has passed the baton to many gifted Maestros over the intervening years, including Carl Moldrem, Les Armstrong, Fred P. Schlichting, Irv Wright, Ian K. Edlund, Jonathan Shames, and, most recently, the Symphony has flourished under the outstanding leadership of Maestro Hue Edwards; and

WHEREAS, The Olympia Symphony Orchestra has provided years of education, entertainment, and the many benefits of community cultural enhancement to tens of thousands of residents of Southwest Washington during the course of hundreds of concerts over tens of years; and

WHEREAS, At the behest and invitation of the Governor of the State of Washington, the Olympia Symphony Orchestra has provided for the enjoyment of Capitol area residents for the past six years, by performing a free symphonic concert on the lawn of the Capitol Campus on the last Sunday of each July; and

WHEREAS, The past sixty years of community enrichment has involved thousands of South Sound volunteers donating their skills and talents by acting in their capacity as board members, musicians, students, audience participants, donors, and other lovers of symphonic music; and

WHEREAS, As the Olympia Symphony Orchestra turns sixty years of age this October, it takes its place as one of the longest continuously performing community-based orchestras in the State of Washington. The Olympia Symphony Orchestra Board, Maestro Hue Edwards, the staff, musicians, and the thousands of supporters are to be congratulated, on this their 60th Birthday;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives recognize the service of the Olympia Symphony Orchestra, and extend its sincerest wish that the next 60 years will bring as much enjoyment and great music to the capital community as the last 60 years. "BRAVO" to the Olympia Symphony Orchestra!

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4671 adopted by the House of Representatives
February 21, 2012

Barbara Baker, Chief Clerk