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House Concurrent Resolution 4

Sponsored by Representative GELSER

Whereas in 1984 two music teachers from Corvallis and Salem returned from an Education Through Music conference with a vision for a choir that would be a place where children of all ages, regardless of financial need, could come together to learn and appreciate music; and

Whereas these dedicated teachers realized their vision when 80 children from Corvallis, Philomath, Albany and Salem signed up for this choir, newly christened the Heart of the Valley Children's Choir; and

Whereas during the past 24 seasons, Heart of the Valley Children's Choir has grown from a single choir to five choirs that teach 300 singers the discipline of developing their voices and the joy of sharing music with local and international audiences; and

Whereas Heart of the Valley Children's Choir, long recognized as one of the best youth organizations in the mid-Willamette Valley, also inspires its singers to develop the essential life tools of dedication, commitment, self-respect, trust, friendship, courage and leadership; and

Whereas Heart of the Valley Children's Choir not only adds its voice to major celebrations in Corvallis and other cities in Oregon but has also served as musical ambassador to Corvallis' Sister City of Uzhhorod, Ukraine; and

Whereas Heart of the Valley Children's Choirs have toured throughout Europe and China, singing by invitation in the world's greatest cathedrals and concert halls, and singing by inspiration on ferries, bridges and street corners, and have delighted audiences large and small; and

Whereas Heart of the Valley Children's Choir will celebrate the end of its 25th season and the beginning of its next 25 years with a choral festival in Corvallis from June 30 to July 3, 2009; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, congratulate the members and alumni of the Heart of the Valley Children's Choir for the many years they have shared their musical artistry with the people of this state and extend our good wishes for their next 25 years of joyful song; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be presented to Heart of the Valley Children's Choir founder and artistic director Carol Nelson-Rea, to director Kathi Smith and to the members of the Executive Advisory Board and Parent Organization of the Heart of the Valley Children's Choir.

Adopted by House April 9, 2009

Chief Clerk of House

Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 14, 2009

President of Senate