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House Concurrent Resolution 21

Sponsored by Representative BARNHART; Representatives LIVELY, NATHANSON, Senators EDWARDS, PROZANSKI

Whereas Helmuth Rilling is recognized worldwide as one of the preeminent conductors of the choral-orchestral repertoire and interpreters of the music of Johann Sebastian Bach; and

Whereas Helmuth Rilling has come to Eugene, Oregon, from his native Germany every summer for 43 years to teach young conductors how to communicate and to illuminate for audiences new ways to listen and understand; and

Whereas Helmuth Rilling's career has included guest appearances with virtually all of the world's important music institutions, including the Chicago, Cleveland, Washington, D.C., Tokyo and Toronto Symphony Orchestras and the New York, Vienna and Berlin Philharmonics; and

Whereas Helmuth Rilling's career has been dedicated to building bridges and furthering cooperation, peace and understanding through music; and

Whereas Helmuth Rilling and H. Royce Saltzman, on a bond of friendship and a commitment to education and excellence, cofounded the Oregon Bach Festival in the summer of 1970 on the University of Oregon campus; and

Whereas the Oregon Bach Festival has grown from a single concert and a \$2,500 budget into a statewide, internationally acclaimed arts festival with 60 events over a three-week period that hosts as many as 35,000 audience members and more than 500 musicians, with a current annual budget of \$2.8 million and an economic impact of more than \$6 million annually; and

Whereas Helmuth Rilling's work at the Oregon Bach Festival has been recognized by such publications and news outlets as *The Times of London*, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek*, National Public Radio and many others; and

Whereas Helmuth Rilling has brought the music of the Oregon Bach Festival to the Hollywood Bowl, to the National Conference of the American Choral Directors Association in Phoenix, Arizona, and to new festival audiences in Portland, Oregon; and

Whereas listeners throughout the world can enjoy a catalog of 10 high-level recordings made by Helmuth Rilling and Oregon Bach Festival musicians, one of which received a 2001 Grammy Award; and

Whereas among many other awards and honors, Helmuth Rilling has received the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for advancing reconciliation and international understanding, the International Music Prize of the International Music Council-UNESCO and the Herbert von Karajan Music Prize; and

Whereas in 2003 Helmuth Rilling was named an American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellow and Foreign Honorary Member, joining the company of such luminaries as Kofi Annan, Walter Cronkite, Alfred Lord Tennyson and Albert Camus; and

Whereas Helmuth Rilling will be retiring from the artistic directorship of the Oregon Bach Festival following the 2013 season, and afterward remaining with the festival as director emeritus; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly, honor Helmuth Rilling for his distinguished career and achievements, his work for the Oregon Bach Festival and his contributions to the cultural enrichment of the people of this state and the world.

Adopted by House April 11, 2013

Ramona J. Line, Chief Clerk of House

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House

Adopted by Senate May 8, 2013

Peter Courtney, President of Senate