

# House Concurrent Resolution 21

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

## SUMMARY

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Honors achievements of Helmuth Rilling in 44th and culminating year of his artistic directorship of Oregon Bach Festival.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

10       Whereas Helmuth Rilling's career has been dedicated to building bridges and furthering coop-  
11 eration, peace and understanding through music; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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