

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 745

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Germantown Symphony Orchestra on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those fine institutions that bring the joys of artistic expression and culture to the citizens of this State while promoting the importance of the performing arts; and

WHEREAS, the Germantown Symphony Orchestra is one such laudable institution, and through application of their enormous talents, the members of the Symphony have made substantial contributions to the cultural fabric of this great State; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2016, the Germantown Symphony Orchestra, under the leadership of Dr. Ronald Vernon for the last fifteen years, will host the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Concert at the Germantown Performing Arts Center, thereby celebrating its history; and

WHEREAS, a self-governed, volunteer organization, the Germantown Symphony Orchestra not only shares its talents across the State but also cultivates musical talent in the community through outreach programs, which offer music education and promote young artists, with 2015-2016 being the fifteenth consecutive season the Germantown Symphony Orchestra has conducted its annual concerto competition for young artists, thereby laying the foundation for the appreciation of music and providing a rich musical heritage for future generations; and

WHEREAS, contributing to Tennessee's long and rich musical history, the Germantown Symphony Orchestra relishes its remarkable record of achievement, inspiring applause from the arts community of our Nation and bringing honor to the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize the Germantown Symphony Orchestra for its invaluable contributions to this State and its cultural landscape, congratulate its members upon the celebration of the orchestra's fortieth anniversary, and wish them every continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.