

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 45—Assemblymen Evans, Anderson, Angle, Arberry, Bache, Beers, Berman, Brower, Buckley, Carpenter, Cegavske, Chowning, Claborn, Collins, de Braga, Dini, Freeman, Gibbons, Giunchigliani, Goldwater, Gustavson, Hettrick, Humke, Koivisto, Lee, Leslie, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Neighbors, Nolan, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Price, Segerblom, Thomas, Tiffany, Von Tobel and Williams

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending the Reno Chamber Orchestra for 25 years of contribution to the arts in the State of Nevada.

WHEREAS, The Reno Chamber Orchestra is celebrating 25 years of inspired musical performances of repertoire written for the smaller, more intimate orchestra; and

WHEREAS, The Reno Chamber Orchestra has added immeasurably to the cultural life of the residents of the Truckee Meadows and Northern Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The Reno Chamber Orchestra has provided a forum for the extraordinary wealth of musical talent in the Reno area and for nationally and internationally recognized artists, including showcasing the musical compositions of Reno composers by performing their works; and

WHEREAS, The two December performances of Handel's *Messiah* by this talented orchestra have become a family Christmas tradition for many Northern Nevadans; and

WHEREAS, Through its annual College Concerto Competition, the only one of its kind in the State of Nevada, the Reno Chamber Orchestra continues to foster the careers of young, aspiring musicians enrolled in the University of Nevada or Nevada residents enrolled full time in a university elsewhere, including allowing the winner the opportunity to perform with the Reno Chamber Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, The Reno Chamber Orchestra makes all performances accessible to young music students from public schools by encouraging businesses to support the arts through the underwriting of student ticket costs; and

WHEREAS, By traveling to rural Nevada communities, the Reno Chamber Orchestra brings chamber music performances to communities that would not otherwise have access to performances by such a professional orchestra; and

WHEREAS, The Reno Chamber Orchestra has demonstrated its support for showcasing Reno as an arts community by participating in Uptown, Downtown, ARTown, Reno's annual summer arts festival, by holding two free concerts for the community; and

WHEREAS, The hard work and loyal support of Amici della Musica, a dedicated group of volunteers who have helped raise money for the orchestra, is invaluable to the success of the orchestra and is greatly appreciated by the Board of Directors and musicians of the Reno Chamber Orchestra; and

WHEREAS, The vision and leadership of Maestro Vahe Khochayan, and 8 of the original 20 accomplished musicians still playing this 1998-1999 Silver Anniversary season, including Maestro Khochayan, Jack Beck, Katherine Jerome, Valerie Nelson, Lani Oelrich, Marilyn Sevilla-Gunther, Eileen Tibbits and Ginny Tilton, have served to enrich the cultural lives of Northern Nevadans; and

WHEREAS, The members of the Reno Chamber Orchestra enhance the quality of musical instruction in Washoe County schools and educate the young people of Northern Nevada in the enjoyment of chamber orchestra music; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature do hereby commend and congratulate the Reno Chamber Orchestra for 25 years of contributions to the arts in the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature does hereby applaud the artistic leadership and vision of Maestro Vahe Khochayan in bringing to the Reno area outstanding musicians who have become vital to the music programs of the public schools and the University of Nevada, including guest soloists who have greatly enhanced the musical performances of the Reno Chamber Orchestra; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the residents of the State of Nevada are hereby encouraged to take advantage of all opportunities to attend performances of the Reno Chamber Orchestra whenever possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Board of Directors of the Reno Chamber Orchestra.

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