

By Representative Bloom

1 House Resolution

2 A resolution in recognition of the New World
3 Symphony.

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5 WHEREAS, the New World Symphony is an intensive
6 learning and performing experience that prepares highly gifted
7 graduates of prestigious music schools and conservatories for
8 leadership positions in orchestras and ensemble groups
9 throughout the world, and

10 WHEREAS, established in 1987 under the artistic
11 leadership of Michael Tilson Thomas, the New World Symphony's
12 three-year fellowship program provides graduates the
13 opportunity to enhance their musical education with the finest
14 professional training in order to gain a competitive edge in
15 seeking permanent orchestral and ensemble positions, and

16 WHEREAS, the program offers a wide range of performance
17 opportunities in both domestic and international venues,
18 allowing musicians to perform with distinguished conductors
19 and soloists, take part in master classes with leading
20 professionals, and have in-depth exposure to both traditional
21 and modern repertoire, and

22 WHEREAS, the New World Symphony is dedicated to the
23 artistic and personal development of outstanding
24 instrumentalists and is committed to including participants
25 from diverse backgrounds, and

26 WHEREAS, while nearly 1,000 graduates apply each year,
27 the New World Symphony annually accepts 30 to 40 new
28 musicians, ranging in age from 21 to 30, and

29 WHEREAS, although only eight years old, the New World
30 Symphony already has an impressive history, having performed

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1 in such prestigious venues as New York's Carnegie Hall,
2 London's Barbican Centre, and Argentina's Teatro Colon, and
3 WHEREAS, the New World Symphony has been televised on
4 PBS, London Weekend Television, and Spanish language cable TV,
5 and has been featured in dozens of newspapers and magazines,
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7 WHEREAS, since its inception, the New World Symphony
8 has toured extensively, performing in Argentina, Brazil,
9 France, Great Britain, Israel, Japan, Monaco, and throughout
10 the United States, and has performed with many internationally
11 recognized musicians such as Leonard Bernstein, violinists
12 Midori and Sarah Chang, and pianist Vladimir Feltsman, as well
13 as with film and recording stars such as Gloria Estefan,
14 Audrey Hepburn, Henry Mancini, Dudley Moore, and Debra Winger,
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16 WHEREAS, the New World Symphony has also established
17 itself on record with four recordings to its credit, all of
18 which have garnered international critical acclaim, including
19 the Grammy-nominated "Tangazo," and

20 WHEREAS, the New World Symphony's success may be partly
21 measured by their alumni who have gone on to successful
22 careers with professional orchestras and ensembles in North
23 America and in numerous foreign countries, and

24 WHEREAS, in addition, many New World Symphony musicians
25 have chosen career paths in chamber music, education, and arts
26 management, and

27 WHEREAS, the New World Symphony has been the recipient
28 of many innovative grants, including a recent three-year grant
29 from The Whitaker Fund to support musician recruitment,
30 development, and outplacement programs, and the Knight
31 Foundation's "Magic of Music" initiative to encourage

1 orchestras to take bold action to intensify and deepen the
2 audience's experience of high-quality symphonic music, and

3 WHEREAS, at its home base in Miami Beach, the New World
4 Symphony presents a full season of concerts from October to
5 May at the Lincoln Theatre located in the heart of Miami
6 Beach's "art deco" district, and in downtown Miami's Gusman
7 Center for the Performing Arts, which include full-orchestra
8 concerts, a chamber music series, small ensemble concerts, a
9 family series, and special festivals and recitals.

10 WHEREAS, in addition to working with world-renowned
11 conductors and guest artists, musicians participate in solo
12 and ensemble performances and benefit from advanced training
13 through master classes with artists of professional
14 orchestras, and

15 WHEREAS, the New World Symphony also affords member
16 musicians opportunities to present concerts of their own
17 design, which often feature seldom-heard works for unusual
18 instrumentation, NOW, THEREFORE,

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20 Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
21 Florida:

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23 That the House of Representatives of the State of
24 Florida hereby recognizes and commends the New World Symphony.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution
26 be presented to Michael Tilson Thomas as a tangible token of
27 the sentiments expressed herein.

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