

Schenectady County Legislature



RESOLUTION 45-11

Sponsored by Legislator Johnson:

A RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL 15, 2011 AS BUTCH CONN—A PLACE FOR JAZZ DAY IN SCHENECTADY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Bernard Z. "Butch" Conn (9/25/1940-8/22/2005), who was a dedicated and visionary supporter of jazz and the community, founded and served as the tireless volunteer leader until his premature death, A Place for Jazz. A Place for Jazz is a unique and valuable non-profit organization that has played an unparalleled role in promoting arts and culture in our community for 25 years and has been housed in the First Unitarian Society on Wendell Avenue in the City of Schenectady; and

WHEREAS, A Place for Jazz is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of jazz, America's original art form, through presenting at least five concerts annually for the last 25 years with world-class artists, as well as free workshops, school-based clinics and other youth and community events; and

WHEREAS, in its 25 years of concerts, A Place for Jazz has presented more than 130 jazz bands, comprising more than 500 world-renowned artists, many of whom are internationally acclaimed legends, Downbeat Poll winners, Grammy nominated artists and outstanding Capital District local favorites; and


WHEREAS, A Place for Jazz has advanced the appreciation, awareness and understanding of Jazz as a distinctive art form by presenting enjoyable and professional concerts to over 1,000 attendees annually in an affordable acoustically perfect venue; and


WHEREAS, as a certified 501(C)(3) non-profit organization, A Place for Jazz has been awarded many grants in recognition of the value of its work to the community by a wide range of private philanthropic foundations, corporate entities and governments agencies, including the Schenectady County Initiative Program (SIP) and the New York State Council on the Arts, allowing their ticket prices to remain the lowest in the region for the top flight talent level presented; now therefore be it

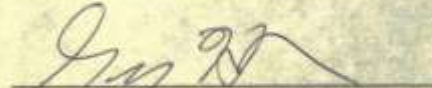
RESOLVED, that the Schenectady County Legislature proclaims April 15, 2011 as Butch Conn—A Place for Jazz Day in Schenectady County to honor the very special legacy of Butch Conn and the impressive accomplishments of all those involved with A Place for Jazz these past 25 years and for bringing world-class performance artists and their uniquely American art form to our County.

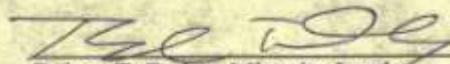
WITNESS, our hands and the seal of the
Schenectady County Legislature, at the City
of Schenectady, this 8th day of February,
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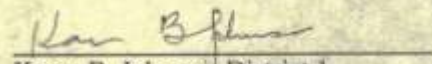

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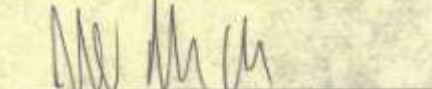

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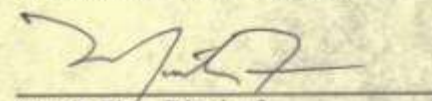

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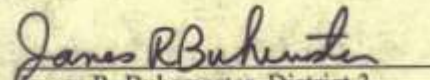

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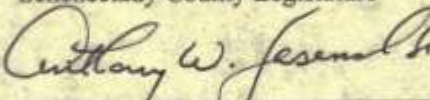

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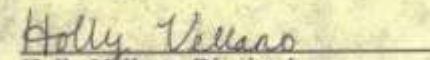

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