

Proclamation



John Hollandsworth

Whereas:

He has been playing our instrument just one year short of half a century, And,

Whereas:

He served on the Advisory Board of The Autoharpoholic, was supportive of the Autoharp Clearinghouse and was a staff member for Autoharp Quarterly, And,

Whereas:

Coming from a section of the country known for its rich musical heritage, he has used his autoharps as vehicles to express the rich vein of material that is indicative of that region, And,

Whereas:

He has been much in demand as both a performer and an instructor at nearly every major autoharp-inclusive event not only in this country, but also in the United Kingdom, And,

Whereas:

His musicianship may be heard on multiple recordings including, but not limited to, the Winfield Winners series and the Autoharp Legacy project, And,

Whereas:

He won the very first Mountain Laurel Autoharp Championship and is the only autoharp player to win the coveted Outstanding Performer award at the Galax Fiddlers Convention in addition to countless other contest victories, And,

Whereas:

Along with his wife Kathie and their band mates and friends Ed Ogle and Jim Lloyd, he has carried the autoharp message far and wide within the context of their band Mountain Fling, And,

Whereas:

In addition to having offered his services to do autoharp repairs, conversions and upgrades for many years, he has now joined the ranks of chorded zither luthiers with his highly-regarded Blue Ridge Autoharps:

Therefore, let it be resolved that John Hollandsworth be inducted with highest commendations as the 2010 contemporary member of The Autoharp Hall of Fame.

So it is proclaimed on this, the Twenty-Sixth Day of June in the year Two Thousand and Ten.