

Good morning Chairmen Caruso and Schlossberg

My name is Jesse Hubbard and I here to present the testimony of House Speaker James Amann in support of House Bill 6252 *AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MUSIC HALL OF FAME IN CONNECTICUT.*

There are currently 13 states who have a present music hall of fame, including Ohio who is known for their Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In fact we were originally looking at creating a hall of fame to celebrate the states rock and roll musicians, but while doing research, we were surprised that the accomplishments of these individuals were not limited to any single style of music, nor were they restricted to just the realm of performance. The creation of the Connecticut 's Music Hall of Fame is to honor all of this state's great music achievers and showcase these talented individuals and their accomplishments.

To those of us who work and legislate in this building, we often see it as a place of business and progress. To the scores of individuals who visit on a daily basis though, it is a building which celebrates Connecticut's history. From the Connecticut Hall of Fame, to the Hall of Flags, to our Veterans who are commemorated in the cross-over from the Legislative Office Building to the Capitol, it is nice to see our rich history and heritage celebrated around every turn.

In terms of the setup of the Hall of Fame, we need to look no further than the current setup of the Connecticut Hall of Fame. We are not talking about a stand alone building, but simply a spot in this building where we could recognize these individuals in a simple way, that would be visible by the employees and general public who enter the doors of this building.

Their achievements span the complete spectrum from sophisticated classical composition, such as Charles Ives, and American Composer who was born in Danbury, to Rosa Ponselle, soprano opera singer a former resident of Meriden, to rocker legend Keith Richards who currently resides in Weston. To Marvin Lee Aday (a.k.a. Meat Loaf) who not only lived in the state, but coached softball at Joel Barlow High School. To current music stars like John Mayer from Fairfield. From performance to song writing, and from management to publishing, Nutmeggers, past and present have contributed in many ways to make the industry of music what it is today. It is time that we recognize them.