
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

No. 290 Session of
1996

INTRODUCED BY RYAN, M. COHEN, BELARDI, LAUGHLIN, NYCE, DENT,
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FAIRCHILD, McCALL, E. Z. TAYLOR, MCGILL, JOSEPHS AND ZUG,
MARCH 11, 1996

INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 11, 1996

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring March 12, 1996, as "Pennsylvania Arts in Education
2 Day."

3 WHEREAS, The arts enrich the lives of all citizens of this
4 Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, The arts provide a unique forum for millions of
6 young people to express their feelings, emotions and thoughts in
7 a safe and productive way; and

8 WHEREAS, It is important that our toddlers, adolescents,
9 teenagers and young adults all be encouraged to explore their
10 creative abilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Art is an expression of ourselves, our individual
12 personalities, our communities and our heritages and comment on

1 how we see life; and

2 WHEREAS, A good imagination, teamed with guidance and
3 support, can lead children to appreciate existing art forms and
4 foster an interest in developing their own creativity that will
5 continue throughout life; and

6 WHEREAS, Children, from their earliest years, find joy,
7 discipline and self-worth in the expression of their artistic
8 instincts; and

9 WHEREAS, School arts programs nurture in students knowledge
10 of and appreciation for the arts of our own cultures and those
11 of others; and

12 WHEREAS, Education of our children is the foundation upon
13 which the future of this Commonwealth is built; and

14 WHEREAS, Art enhances our quality of life by helping to
15 define a nation's and a community's identity; and

16 WHEREAS, The arts affect every aspect of life in the United
17 States today, including education, the economy, social problem-
18 solving, job creations, creativity and community livability; and

19 WHEREAS, The work and dedication of arts educators, artists
20 in education and their students will continue to enliven the
21 hearts and lift the spirits of our citizens; and

22 WHEREAS, Arts educators and artists in education from the
23 several artistic disciplines have come together in the State
24 Capitol to support the common principles and values conveyed by
25 and through the arts; therefore be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declare March 12,
27 1996, as "Pennsylvania Arts in Education Day"; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives commend school
29 art educators and artists in education, and thank them for their
30 service to our children and to our Commonwealth.