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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating May 7, 2008, as "Arts in Education Day" in  
2 Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, The arts allow for us as individuals, families and  
4 communities to liberate ourselves in a form of stylistic  
5 expression far beyond the simplicity of speaking; and

6 WHEREAS, The arts inspire us to explore beyond cultural norms  
7 and barriers that may limit us and to experience creative  
8 thought and true diversity in this world; and

9 WHEREAS, The arts provide us with another form of  
10 communicating and expressing our innermost thoughts, feelings,  
11 values and desires; and

12 WHEREAS, Citizens rely on the arts to transcend cultural  
13 barriers, evoke universal emotions and reveal to us the ever-  
14 changing society in which we live; and

15 WHEREAS, The arts encourage us to develop a deeper  
16 understanding of ourselves and our goals as Pennsylvanians, as

1 Americans and as citizens in a global environment; and

2 WHEREAS, The arts enrich many aspects of our lives which  
3 encompass the quality of our relationships, education, work  
4 environment, homes and communities; and

5 WHEREAS, The arts reach people on many different levels  
6 regardless of age, race, background, physical and mental  
7 ability, gender, occupation or class; and

8 WHEREAS, Arts education, whether in visual arts, music,  
9 dance, theater or literature strengthens the development of  
10 creativity, discipline and cognitive and social skills that are  
11 crucial in the preparation of all Pennsylvania's students for  
12 future growth; and

13 WHEREAS, Arts educators provide our youths with the cultural  
14 education and intricate fundamentals to make them well-rounded  
15 individuals; and

16 WHEREAS, Arts education programs in our schools enable young  
17 men and women to discover, cultivate and share unique talents as  
18 gifts to society; and

19 WHEREAS, It is our privilege, enterprise and duty to sustain  
20 the gift of the arts, to enjoy it, to share it, to build upon it  
21 and to pass it on to future generations; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate designate May 7, 2008, as "Arts in  
23 Education Day" in Pennsylvania as a time to recognize the arts  
24 and arts educators and supporters for continued preservation and  
25 further development of the arts in this Commonwealth and to  
26 emphasize the invaluable contribution of the arts and arts  
27 educators to students in Pennsylvania and our society as a  
28 whole.