
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,
MARCH 14, 2007

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating April 25, 2007, 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-

1 changing society in which we live; and

2 WHEREAS, The arts encourage us to develop a deeper
3 understanding of ourselves and our goals as Pennsylvanians, as
4 Americans and as citizens in a global environment; and

5 WHEREAS, The arts enrich many aspects of our lives which
6 encompass the quality of our relationships, education, work
7 environment, homes and communities; and

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

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

16 WHEREAS, Arts educators provide our youths with the cultural
17 education and intricate fundamentals to make them well-rounded
18 individuals; and

19 WHEREAS, Arts education programs in our schools enable young
20 men and women to discover, cultivate and share unique talents as
21 gifts to society; and

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

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate April
26 25, 2007, as "Arts in Education Day" in Pennsylvania as a time
27 to recognize the arts and arts educators and supporters for
28 continued preservation and further development of the arts in
29 this Commonwealth and to emphasize the invaluable contribution
30 of the arts and arts educators to students in Pennsylvania and

1 our society as a whole.