

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the week of September 10 through 16, 2017, as "Arts  
2 in Education Week" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, Arts education comprises a rich array of  
4 disciplines, including dance, media arts, music, theater, visual  
5 arts and similar areas of study; and

6 WHEREAS, Arts education is a core academic component and an  
7 essential element of a complete and well-rounded education for  
8 all students; and

9 WHEREAS, Arts education enables students to develop critical  
10 thinking and problem-solving skills, imagination, creativity,  
11 discipline, collaboration, cross-cultural understanding and  
12 alternate ways to communicate and express feelings and ideas,  
13 all of which support success across the curriculum; and

14 WHEREAS, Arts education contributes to increased attendance  
15 and graduation rates, elevates academic achievement and prepares  
16 students for college, a career and citizenship readiness; and

17 WHEREAS, Arts education contributes to personal growth

1 outside the classroom, including an increase in a student's  
2 likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism  
3 and community engagement; and

4 WHEREAS, To succeed in today's economy, students must  
5 masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in a  
6 21st century work force, such as communicating through words,  
7 images, sounds and movement; and

8 WHEREAS, There is widespread concern that high-stakes  
9 testing, accountability measures for educators and reduced  
10 funding are leading to the reduction of access to arts education  
11 for students in this Commonwealth; and

12 WHEREAS, The arts are an integral part of life in the United  
13 States and this Commonwealth, as well as an integral part of a  
14 complete educational experience that contributes to the vibrancy  
15 and vitality of communities and the nation; therefore be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives designate the  
17 week of September 10 through 16, 2017, as "Arts in Education  
18 Week" in Pennsylvania; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives call on all  
20 residents throughout this Commonwealth to observe "Arts in  
21 Education Week" with appropriate activities.