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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35, OCTOBER
24, 2011

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and designating October 2011 as "National Arts and
2 Humanities Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "National Arts and Humanities Month" serves to
4 enlighten and enrich the lives of the citizens of our nation by
5 introducing them to the many novel and creative experiences,
6 cultures and ideas which are engendered through artful
7 expression; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1993, "National Arts and Humanities Month" was
9 spawned from the National Arts Week observation which originated
10 in 1985 and has since then evolved into a coast-to-coast
11 collective celebration of culture and edification; and

1 WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts, which is the nation's
2 leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts, has from
3 the outset been instrumental in coordinating and promoting the
4 efforts of "National Arts and Humanities Month" in the United
5 States; and

6 WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts' expansive network of arts
7 organizations, governmental agencies, business leaders,
8 educators and individual philanthropists has played a vital role
9 in providing the funding necessary to make "National Arts and
10 Humanities Month" the nation's largest annual celebration of the
11 arts and humanities; and

12 WHEREAS, During the month of October of every calendar year,
13 the highlight and focal point of "National Arts and Humanities
14 Month" is the American for the Arts' National Arts Awards event;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, This celebratory event formally provides
17 acknowledgment of 400 of our nation's top artists and serves as
18 a medium for philanthropists and corporate leaders to recognize
19 the achievements of those who have exhibited great leadership
20 and advocacy in the realm of the arts; and

21 WHEREAS, On October 4, 2011, President Barack Obama issued a
22 presidential proclamation declaring October 2011 as "National
23 Arts and Humanities Month"; and

24 WHEREAS, The importance of observing this celebration is
25 underscored by the annual proclamations issued by the White
26 House, the United States Conference of Mayors, as well as
27 countless other states and municipalities across the country;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The main objective of "National Arts and Humanities
30 Month" is to enlighten the populace by heightening their

1 awareness of the innumerable cultural gems that surround them;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts encourages everyone to
4 celebrate and recognize "National Arts and Humanities Month"
5 simply by taking in a stage play, attending a local art
6 gallery's open house, contacting one's legislator to request
7 increased arts funding or any other positive form of artistic
8 expression; therefore be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives formally
10 designate October 2011 as "National Arts and Humanities Month"
11 in Pennsylvania.