

1 WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts provides leadership and training to local public
2 and nonprofit arts agencies, arts and business councils, business committees for the arts,
3 state arts agencies, state arts advocacy organizations, and community based cultural
4 organizations across the country in helping their numbers increase and grow from fifty to
5 five thousand; and

6 WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts produces annual events that heighten national
7 visibility for the arts and arts education, including but not limited to Arts Advocacy Day in
8 Washington, D.C., the Nancy Hanks Lecture on Arts and Public Policy, the National Arts
9 Awards, and the Public Leadership in the Arts Awards; and

10 WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts enjoys a strong partnership with the National
11 Lieutenant Governors Association as four years ago the two organizations jointly began
12 awarding the prestigious Public Leadership in the Arts Awards; and

13 WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts continues to produce groundbreaking research
14 on the size and economic impact of the nonprofit arts industry through its series on "Arts and
15 Economic Prosperity," which reports that approximately 100,000 nonprofit cultural
16 organizations generate \$166.2 billion in economic activity every year supporting 5.7 million
17 jobs and generating \$29.6 billion in government revenue; and

18 WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts understands the complex ecosystem of support
19 for the arts and has expanded its leadership, advocacy, and training to also promote private
20 sector support of the arts as well as professional development in state-of-the-art earned
21 income techniques at its National Arts Marketing Project Conference; and

22 WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts brings together the arts policy interests of all its
23 national partners, including the National Lieutenant Governors Association, the Conference
24 Board, and the American Association of School Administrators, at its National Arts Policy
25 Roundtable, which is co-convened by Robert Redford at the Sundance Preserve; and

26 WHEREAS, Americans for the Arts has been a leader in promoting active
27 participation in arts education both in and out-of-school through its professional
28 development work and national visibility PSA campaigns, "The Arts, Ask for More."

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana hereby
30 congratulates and honors Americans for the Arts on fifty years of service in promoting arts

1 and arts education throughout the United States of America.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

3 Americans for the Arts.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Tammy Crain Waldrop.

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Commends and honors Americans for the Arts on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.