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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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EVANS, KAUFFMAN, KAVULICH, KINSEY, LONGIETTI, MACKENZIE,  
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PASHINSKI, PICKETT, READSHAW, ROEBUCK, SAINATO, SAYLOR,  
SCHWEYER, SOLOMON, SONNEY, STAATS, WARD, WARREN, WATSON AND  
WHEELAND, MARCH 16, 2017

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INTRODUCED AS NONCONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION UNDER RULE 35,  
MARCH 16, 2017

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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

1 and graduation rates, elevates academic achievement and prepares  
2 students for college, a career and citizenship readiness; and

3 WHEREAS, Arts education contributes to personal growth  
4 outside the classroom, including an increase in a student's  
5 likelihood to participate in civic life, volunteerism, altruism  
6 and community engagement; and

7 WHEREAS, To succeed in today's economy, students must  
8 masterfully develop traits that business leaders demand in a  
9 21st century work force, such as communicating through words,  
10 images, sounds and movement; and

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

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

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

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