

118TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. RES. 1033

Expressing support for the designation of February 28, 2024, as Community Arts Education Day.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. NORTON, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability

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## RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the designation of February 28, 2024, as Community Arts Education Day.

Whereas community arts education is a dynamic and inclusive approach to learning and engagement in the arts, fostering creativity, cultural expression, and social transformation within communities;

Whereas community arts education encompasses a broad range of artistic disciplines and practices that empower individuals to develop their artistic skills, deepen their cultural understanding, and cultivate a sense of belonging and agency within themselves and their communities;

Whereas community arts education is a participatory and transformative practice that engages individuals in the creation, exploration, and critical dialogue of the arts

within a community context, and community arts education goes beyond individual skill-building or personal expression and it connects through a larger social context;

Whereas community arts education leaders, which can include culture bearers, teaching artists, and administrators, play a vital role in providing essential arts instruction and learning to diverse communities, both within and outside of formal educational settings;

Whereas community arts education is liberatory by uplifting our communities' culture, heritage, and history in many forms such as dance, music, theatre, literary arts and other modes of self-expression;

Whereas community arts education can build people's imaginations, build critical learning and life skills, promote better health, and generate a sense of shared culture and community belonging;

Whereas research has shown that community arts education positively impacts individuals of all ages and develops social emotional competencies like confidence in self-expression and ideas, social awareness, and self-regulating emotions; and

Whereas students who actively participate in the arts tend to enroll in competitive colleges, as well as four-year colleges in general, at higher rates compared to students with lower engagement in the arts: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives supports
- 2 Community Arts Education Day and recognizes Commu-
- 3 nity Arts Education Day is more crucial than ever as a

- 1 vehicle for activism, individual and collective self-expres-
- 2 sion, and healing.

