

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4642, by Representatives Stanford and McBride

1 WHEREAS, In 1996, the Academy of American Poets established the  
2 month of April as National Poetry Month; and

3 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month highlights the extraordinary  
4 legacy and ongoing achievements of American poets, introduces  
5 Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry, assists  
6 teachers in bringing poetry into their classrooms, encourages the  
7 reading of poems, and encourages increased publication and  
8 distribution of poetry books; and

9 WHEREAS, Poetry is an essential part of the arts and humanities  
10 and affects every aspect of life in America today, including  
11 education, the economy, and development; and

12 WHEREAS, Poetry is a means for building community and culture,  
13 expressing deeply held beliefs and values, and passing on cultural  
14 heritage to future generations; and

15 WHEREAS, Poetry has been an inherent part of the work of many of  
16 the nation's leading creative artists and has inspired other artists  
17 in fields such as music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
19 honor the Academy of American Poets' designation of the month of  
20 April as "National Poetry Month."

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22 I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of  
23 Resolution 4642 adopted by the House of Representatives

April 11, 2017

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Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk