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R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, Fine arts teachers enrich the lives of their  
2 students in myriad ways; and

3        WHEREAS, Music, visual art, theater, and dance can be  
4 tremendous catalysts for personal growth; appreciation of the arts  
5 and participation in creative pursuits help boost cognitive  
6 development, enhance critical thinking, hone problem-solving  
7 skills, and build self-confidence; moreover, the arts foster  
8 multicultural respect and social engagement; and

9        WHEREAS, Over 1.8 million Texas students in public schools  
10 are enrolled in fine arts courses and programs at the secondary  
11 level; these students have higher rates of attendance, higher test  
12 scores, and higher graduation rates; and

13        WHEREAS, Texas is fortunate to count among its arts educators  
14 many national leaders in their disciplines; it is the only state  
15 that can boast of back-to-back national Grammy Music Educator Award  
16 winners; in 2022, Stephen Cox of the San Antonio Independent School  
17 District received the honor while teaching in the Eastland  
18 Independent School District; Pamela Dawson of DeSoto ISD garnered  
19 this recognition in 2023; and

20        WHEREAS, Fine arts teachers are committed to providing every  
21 child with the opportunity to experience the many rewards of  
22 creative expression and to become more well-rounded, curious, and  
23 thoughtful individuals; now, therefore, be it

24        RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby recognize fine arts educators for their  
2 contributions and extend to all members of the profession across  
3 the state sincere appreciation for their outstanding work.