

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Among the great resources of the State of Texas is
2 the artistic talent and creativity of its citizens, and hundreds of
3 young artists are visiting Austin on March 9-10, 2009, in
4 celebration of Arts Education Days at the State Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, More than 1.3 million middle and high school
6 students in Texas are enrolled in fine arts courses, and over 2.3
7 million elementary school students are receiving fine arts
8 instruction, with more than 10,000 creative men and women teaching
9 the classes; and

10 WHEREAS, Visual art, music, theater, and dance offer
11 outstanding opportunities for self-expression, and early exposure
12 to the arts through educational programs greatly increases the
13 quality of a child's education; studies have found that students
14 who participate in fine arts courses in school not only perform
15 better in other academic courses, but also achieve higher scores on
16 standardized tests; and

17 WHEREAS, Fine arts courses promote innovative thinking, a
18 skill that is essential to succeed in college and the 21st century
19 workforce, and they further provide unique lessons in the cultures
20 of the world; and

21 WHEREAS, Hundreds of students from around the state are
22 visiting the Capitol to share their talents through performances
23 and displays in celebration of Arts Education Days at the Capitol;
24 and

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1 WHEREAS, The contributions that artists have made to the Lone
2 Star State are myriad, and it is indeed fitting to take this
3 opportunity to pay tribute to Texas art students and their teachers
4 and to wish them well in all of their endeavors; now, therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
7 Legislature hereby recognize March 9-10, 2009, as Arts Education
8 Days at the State Capitol and welcome the students and teachers who
9 are participating in this important event.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 745 was adopted by the House on March 9, 2009, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House