

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Among the notable resources of the State of Texas
2 are the talent and creativity of its citizens, and hundreds of young
3 artists are visiting Austin to share their talents through
4 performances and displays on March 4-5, 2013, in celebration of an
5 event organized by the Texas Coalition for Quality Arts Education,
6 Arts Education Days at the State Capitol; and

7 WHEREAS, More than 1.5 million middle and high school
8 students in Texas are enrolled in fine arts courses, and over 2.3
9 million elementary school students are receiving fine arts
10 instruction, with more than 10,000 creative men and women teaching
11 the classes; and

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

19 WHEREAS, In Texas, studies of public school enrollment have
20 found that campuses with a higher percentage of students in fine
21 arts courses achieved higher academic ratings; moreover, campuses
22 that showed an improvement in their academic rating from 2006 to
23 2010 also reported increases in fine arts course enrollments, and
24 campuses with a higher percentage of students enrolled in fine arts

1 courses reported higher graduation rates; and

2 WHEREAS, Fine arts courses promote innovative thinking, a
3 skill that is essential to succeed in college and the 21st century
4 workforce, and they can further provide unique lessons in the
5 cultures of the world; and

6 WHEREAS, The contributions of those who engage in the arts
7 enrich the lives of us all, and it is indeed fitting to take this
8 opportunity to honor Texas art students and their teachers and to
9 wish them well in their creative endeavors; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby recognize March 4-5, 2013, as Arts Education
12 Days at the State Capitol and welcome the students and teachers who
13 are participating in this special event; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the Texas Coalition for Quality Arts Education as an
16 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 689

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 689 was adopted by the House on March 4, 2013, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House