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3 By Representative Davis
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8 RECOGNIZING MARCH 2017 AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH IN
9 ALABAMA SCHOOLS.

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11 WHEREAS, the Alabama Board of State Education and
12 the Alabama State Department of Education recognize the arts
13 as a vital and enriching segment of children's well-rounded
14 education; and

15 WHEREAS, the National Art Education has designated
16 March as "Youth Art Month"; the National Association for Music
17 has designated March as "Music in Our Schools Month;" the
18 American Alliance for Theatre Education has designated March
19 as "Theatre in Our Schools Month"; and the National Dance
20 Education Organization has designated March as "Dance in Our
21 Schools Month"; and

22 WHEREAS, the Alabama State Council on the Arts, the
23 Alabama Institute for Education in the Arts, the Alabama Music
24 Educators Association, the Alabama Art Education Association,
25 the Alabama Alliance for Arts Education, the Alabama Chapter
26 of the Educational Theatre Association, the Alabama Dance
27 Council, the Alabama Conference of Theatre, the Alabama

1 Artistic Literacy Consortium, and the Alabama Arts Advocacy
2 Commission have voiced their support for designating March
3 2017 as "Arts Education Month" in Alabama schools; and

4 WHEREAS, the arts education teachers in the public
5 schools of Alabama continue to strive for educational
6 excellence and artistic literacy for their students; and

7 WHEREAS, support should be given to arts teachers as
8 they attempt to strengthen arts education programs in their
9 schools and communities; and

10 WHEREAS, arts education contributes powerful
11 education benefits to all elementary and secondary students
12 including the following: arts education develops students'
13 creative problem-solving and critical-thinking abilities; arts
14 education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other
15 expressive qualities; arts education gives students a deeper
16 understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; arts
17 education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in
18 other subjects; and arts education interrelates students'
19 learning in arts production, arts history, arts criticism, and
20 aesthetics; now therefore,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
22 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That support should be given to
23 arts education teachers as they attempt to strengthen arts
24 education in their schools and communities.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That education in the arts,
26 including dance, music, theatre, and visual arts is an

1 essential component of a well-rounded K-12 public education in
2 Alabama.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we do hereby express
4 our appreciation to arts educators, classroom teachers, and
5 administrators for their efforts to improve arts education in
6 Alabama public schools.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That March 2017 is hereby
8 recognized as Arts Education Month in the public schools of
9 Alabama.