

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 6049

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending the Kansas Arts Commission, the Kansas Arts Commissioners and the Kansas Arts Commission staff for creating an arts environment that benefits the State of Kansas and its people.

WHEREAS, The Kansas Arts Commission is a leader in arts education programs in Kansas. They support approximately 200 organizations, schools and agencies throughout the state every year. In the fiscal year 2009, they served 1,705,939 children; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Arts Commission provides matching grants that meet the needs of children, schools and organizations that integrate arts into all curricular areas, support artists as educators and undergird existing arts education programs; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Arts Commission supports arts education programs in organizations as diverse as the Kansas Music Educators Association, Arkansas Area Arts Council, the Beach Museum of Art and Theatre for Young America, as well as underwrite the presentation of Kansas artists who perform in schools and library settings through its Arts on Tour program; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Arts Commission works in partnership with the Kansas State Department of Education to enhance arts education programs throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, The arts enhance every student's learning by improving academic achievement, developing creative thinking and problem-solving skills and teach teamwork, discipline and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Kansas is the national leader in personal artistic creation. More people paint, take pictures, weave, make quilts, play musical instruments and write creatively in Kansas than in any other state in the country. Adults pursue these personal creative outlets that enhance their lives immeasurably because as a state, we have made a commitment to arts education: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend the Kansas Arts Commission, the Kansas Arts Commissioners and the entire staff of the Kansas Arts Commission for their success in creating an outstanding arts environment in the State of Kansas and we encourage all legislators and Kansans to continue supporting the fine work they do.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the HOUSE, and was adopted by that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*