

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

RESOLUTION

INTRODUCED \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_, District  
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See next page for additional co-sponsors.

<b>Referred to Committee on</b>	
Date _____	20 _____
Reported _____	20 _____
<b>As Committed-Amended</b>	
<b>Recommendation</b>	
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By Hon. _____	



A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the month of March 2020 as "Theatre in Our Schools  
2 Month" in Pennsylvania.

3 WHEREAS, "Theatre in Our Schools Month" is an annual event  
4 dedicated to raising public awareness of the positive impact  
5 that theatre education has on students and highlights the need  
6 for increasing access to quality programs; and

7 WHEREAS, Approximately 50 million people attend one of more  
8 than 37,000 school theatre performances annually in the United  
9 States; and

10 WHEREAS, Theatre education teaches invaluable skills needed  
11 to be successful in the workforce such as soft-skills, including  
12 the ability to listen, artistic sense, nonverbal communication,  
13 enthusiasm and storytelling; and

14 WHEREAS, Drama activities help enhance children's social-  
15 emotional development by allowing them to develop an enhanced  
16 understanding of the responses, emotional expressions and  
17 actions of other people as well as strengthening their own

1 confidence, creativity, resiliency, agency and sense of  
2 community; and

3 WHEREAS, Drama instruction integrated into elementary  
4 classrooms improves students' social and emotional development  
5 and contributes to a positive classroom culture; and

6 WHEREAS, English language learners in kindergarten through  
7 second grade who received weekly drama lessons demonstrated  
8 increased listening and speaking skills on standardized tests;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Students who took four years of art classes in high  
11 school scored an average of 92 points higher on their SATs than  
12 their peers; and

13 WHEREAS, Students with high levels of arts involvement are  
14 less likely to drop out of school; and

15 WHEREAS, Reading play scripts out loud has been found to help  
16 at-risk middle school students become better readers; and

17 WHEREAS, Disadvantaged students who receive an arts education  
18 are three times more likely to earn a bachelor's degree than  
19 students who lack those experiences; and

20 WHEREAS, Only 28% of public high schools in high-poverty  
21 areas offer theatre instruction; therefore be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
23 month of March 2020 as "Theatre in Our Schools Month" in  
24 Pennsylvania; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives recognize the  
26 positive impact that theatre education has on communities and  
27 students across this Commonwealth and help raise awareness  
28 regarding the need for access to quality programs for all  
29 students.