

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—SENATORS CEGAVSKE, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

MAY 9, 2007

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes the value and importance of music and other arts education programs in the public schools. (BDR R-699)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing the value and importance of music and other arts education programs in the public schools and encouraging the expansion of those programs.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Education Commission of the States' report on
- 2 The Arts in Education found that substantial arts education
- 3 programs in the public schools provide significant benefits to pupils
- 4 and to the community; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The provision of music and other arts education
- 6 programs engages pupils, stimulates the school setting and improves
- 7 the quality of the school environment; and



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1 WHEREAS, The benefits of music and other arts education
2 programs for pupils in the public schools include improved
3 performance in reading and mathematics, improved performance on
4 standardized tests, enhanced abilities for creative thinking, improved
5 social skills and improved engagement and self-motivation; and

6 WHEREAS, Research has shown that music has a positive effect
7 on spatial-temporal reasoning, social and emotional development
8 and behavioral objectives, and that even passive listening to music
9 enhances cognitive development and brain function; and

10 WHEREAS, The positive effects of music and other arts
11 education programs that emanate from the school environment
12 expand to society in general because pupils learn skills in how to
13 engage in positive and meaningful communication and interaction
14 with others; and

15 WHEREAS, Nevada law requires arts education for all pupils in
16 kindergarten through grade 6 and offers arts elective courses for
17 pupils in grades 7 through 12; and

18 WHEREAS, The school districts in Nevada that provide
19 substantial music and other arts education programs should be
20 commended and encouraged to continue and expand such programs;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
23 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Session of
24 the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize the importance of music
25 and other arts education programs in the public schools and the need
26 to encourage the development, enhancement and expansion of those
27 programs; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada
29 Legislature hereby recognize the vital need for Nevada's public
30 school pupils to be exposed to music and other arts education
31 programs because the benefits to those pupils and to society in
32 general is significant; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
34 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Superintendent of Public
35 Instruction, the superintendent of each school district and the
36 president of the board of trustees of each school district.

