



FEDERAL ADVOCACY ALERT 2010-2

U.S. House Designates "Arts in Education Week" in September

Yesterday, the U.S. House of Representatives passed H.Con.Res. 275, legislation designating the second week of September as "Arts in Education Week." Authored and introduced by California Representative Jackie Speier (D-CA), this resolution is the first Congressional expression of support celebrating all the disciplines comprising arts education. This is a very positive showing of support for arts education and comes at a key time when Congress is making plans to overhaul federal education policy. Take two minutes to [send a message](#) of support for arts education to your member of Congress!

The resolution seeks to support the attributes of arts education that are recognized as instrumental to developing a well-rounded education such as creativity, imagination, and cross-cultural understanding. H.Con.Res. 275 also highlights the critical link between those skills and preparing our children for gaining a

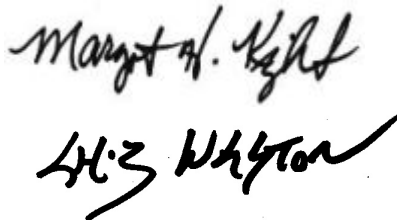
competitive edge in the global economy. This is an important message for policy makers to acknowledge as they prepare to reauthorize federal education policy. To send a message to your member of Congress in support for arts education, please [visit our E-Advocacy Center.](#)

As a House resolution, the bill does not require signature by the President upon its passage. You can [read the resolution here.](#)

We salute Rep. Speier and the more than 101 original cosponsors for their support of arts education and for this truly special recognition of the value of culture for our country's students. Americans for the Arts was happy to help provide assistance to Rep. Speier in this endeavor.

Help us continue this important work by becoming an official member of the Arts Action Fund. If you are not already a member play your part by [joining the Arts Action Fund today](#)--it's free and simple.

**Thank you for your
advocacy efforts.
Your voice *does* make a
difference.**

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'Margot H. Knight' and the bottom signature is 'Chip Weston'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Margot H. Knight
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