

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 97-4627, by Representatives Skinner, Regala, Clements, Gardner, Huff, Dunshee, Radcliff, Lantz, Ogden, Quall, Morris, Linville and Mitchell

WHEREAS, The literary, performing, and visual arts are vibrant threads weaving through the tapestry of life in the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, The arts inspire creativity and innovation, foster communication and understanding across cultures, and transmit core values to future generations; and

WHEREAS, The arts accelerate students' mastery of history, math, and science, enhance problem-solving skills, and increase the self-esteem of youth at risk; and

WHEREAS, The arts industry throughout Washington State generates millions of dollars annually through performances, exhibitions, festivals, art walks, craft fairs, and concerts in the parks; and

WHEREAS, Our state has received international acclaim for the quality of its artists and arts institutions, drawing audiences from across the nation and world to the Northwest and making cultural tourism a vital part of our economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives declares February 26, 1997, as Arts Day, and all who work in the arts are thanked for truly establishing Washington as a State of the Arts.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4627 adopted by the House of Representatives
Rules Committee February 25, 1997.

Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk