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98th Congress

Joint Resolution

To designate the week of May 20, 1984, through May 26, 1984, as "National Arts With the Handicapped Week".

May 17, 1984
[S.J. Res. 220]

Whereas programs involving the arts enhance the learning and enrich the lives of disabled persons;

Whereas arts with the handicapped is a means of integrating disabled persons into the mainstream of education and cultural society;

Whereas programs bringing arts to the handicapped inform the general public, parents, volunteers, and the business community of the value of arts to the disabled;

Whereas emphasis is needed to expand support for arts programs with the handicapped and to increase participation and commitment of the community and educators to these activities;

Whereas the National Committee Arts With the Handicapped, an educational affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, will celebrate its tenth anniversary as the coordinating agency for arts programs for disabled children with a very special arts festival in Washington, District of Columbia, during the week of May 20, 1984; and

Whereas the committee conducts education programs in all fifty States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico to assure that all disabled persons have access to programs which bring the arts into their lives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the week of May 20, 1984, through May 26, 1984, is designated as "National Arts With the Handicapped Week", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved May 17, 1984.

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