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## Joint Resolution

May 21, 1985
[S.J. Res. 103]

To designate the month of May 1985, as "Very Special Arts U.S.A. Month".

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

Whereas arts with the handicapped is a means of integrating disabled individuals 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 the 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 has successfully entered into its eleventh year as the coordinating agency for arts programs for disabled children, youth, and adults; and

Whereas the National Committee conducts education programs in all fifty States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to assure that all disabled individuals 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 month of May 1985, is designated as "Very Special Arts U.S.A. Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

Approved May 21, 1985.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S.J. Res. 103:

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