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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 65**

Senate Amendments in [ ] — February 16, 2010

*Designating March, in [ ~~2009~~ 2010] and in each succeeding year, as Youth Art Month in Virginia.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Miller, J.C.

Referred to Committee on Rules

WHEREAS, Youth Art Month is celebrated in March by schools across America, and enthusiastically supported by students, teachers, parents, artists, art lovers, art museums, civic organizations, businesses, nonprofits, and local, state, and national leaders; and

WHEREAS, art education contributes powerful educational benefits for all of Virginia's elementary, middle, and secondary school students; and

WHEREAS, art education develops students' creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; and

WHEREAS, art education teaches sensitivity to beauty, order, and other expressive qualities; and

WHEREAS, art education gives students a deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; and

WHEREAS, art education reinforces and brings to life what students learn in other academic subjects; and

WHEREAS, art education helps students interrelate learning in art production, art history, art criticism, and aesthetics, and

WHEREAS, our national leaders have acknowledged the necessity of including art experiences in the education of all students; and

WHEREAS, during Youth Art Month in March and throughout the year, the citizens of the Commonwealth are encouraged to enthusiastically support art teachers and their many efforts to strengthen art education in schools and communities across Virginia; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly designate March, in [ ~~2009~~ 2010 ] and in each succeeding year, as Youth Art Month in Virginia; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate post the designation of this month on the General Assembly's website.

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