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Rep. Dixon's Fine Arts Education Initiative Passes House

Jefferson City, MO — Yesterday, the Missouri House of Representatives adopted House Concurrent Resolution 26, sponsored by Rep. Dixon (R-Springfield). The concurrent resolution outlines the importance and benefits of fine arts education in public schools, and urges action by the executive branch to seek additional funding.

HCR 26 was a student-driven initiative done in collaboration with the Logan-Rogersville High School. With plans to have future classes build on their work, the Logan-Rogersville students selected a resolution as the appropriate first step. During eight meetings, over the course of sixteen weeks, the students conducted research and worked with Rep. Dixon to draft the language of HCR 26.

“From my perspective, this initiative was also about providing an educational experience for the students involved,” pointed out Rep. Dixon. “Those who participated are living examples of the effect fine arts education has on their development. As we prepare legislation for next year, these students will be involved in the process, serving as their own best advocates.”

HCR 26 received the support of numerous organizations: Missouri Citizens for the Arts; Missouri National Education Association; Gifted Association of Missouri; Missouri Music Educators Association; Missouri Fine Arts Academy; and Springfield Regional Arts Council.

Before consideration by the full House, HCR 26 received the unanimous approval of the House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education. Several of the Logan-Rogersville High School students who had helped drafted the resolution traveled to Jefferson City to testify about the project. The resolution now awaits final adoption by the Senate.

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