

Reps. Sak, Ball, Bieda, Brown, Byrnes, Caul, Clack, Condino, Constan, Dean, Gonzales, Hammon, Hopgood, Robert Jones, Lahti, Kathleen Law, LeBlanc, Lemmons, Mayes, Meadows, Meisner, Melton, Polidori, Shaffer, Sheltroun, Spade, Tobocman, Vagnozzi and Hammel offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 342.

A resolution recognizing May 2008 as VSA Arts of Michigan Month.

Whereas, We are proud to recognize VSA Arts of Michigan as they celebrate VSA Arts of Michigan Month in May 2008; and

Whereas, VSA Arts of Michigan was founded in 1974 by Jean Kennedy Smith and is affiliated with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, VSA Arts of Michigan's mission is to promote creative power in people with disabilities; and

Whereas, VSA Arts of Michigan's goal is to provide access and opportunity in the arts to people with disabilities in an effort to increase public awareness, use arts to encourage positive interactions between persons with and without disabilities, and increase the opportunities for people with disabilities to pursue a career in the arts; and

Whereas, VSA Arts of Michigan has ten district and local organization locations and reaches over 50,000 Michigan residents annually; and

Whereas, These children, students and adults are impacted through the efforts of over 150 regular volunteers and more than 2000 intermittent volunteers; and

Whereas, This program came to Michigan in 1977; and

Whereas, VSA Arts of Michigan's activities include exhibitions of student artwork, individual classroom workshops, student scholarships and their annual VSA at the Capitol Day; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body recognize May 2008 as VSA Arts of Michigan Month.