

House Resolution 5

Sponsored by Representative KENY-GUYER; Representative FREDERICK

SUMMARY

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Honors PHAME Academy for contributions to this state.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas the PHAME Academy was founded in 1984 by individuals with developmental and other
3 disabilities and their families; and

4 Whereas the founders of PHAME were driven by a shared desire to create, for unique artists,
5 an artistic community and arts school that did not then exist; and

6 Whereas PHAME's mission is to create a community for, and support the development of skills
7 and self-confidence in, adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities, and to address core
8 issues including social isolation, health and wellness and personal independence of individuals in the
9 community; and

10 Whereas PHAME operates under the principle that everyone deserves a chance to be an artist
11 and to lead a full, engaged, creative life; and

12 Whereas PHAME today offers year-round classes, performances, community engagement and
13 student life for an inspiring community of artists and performers; and

14 Whereas in 2014, PHAME will celebrate 30 years as an Oregon nonprofit organization; and

15 Whereas throughout its history PHAME has positively impacted the lives of hundreds of adults
16 with developmental disabilities and their families and reached tens of thousands of community
17 members across this state through performances and showcases of their work; and

18 Whereas PHAME reaches an annual audience of more than 10,000 across the Portland metro-
19 politan region and engages hundreds of volunteers in its work; and

20 Whereas PHAME currently serves over 100 adults with disabilities and individuals representing
21 the districts of more than 12 state Representatives and 10 state Senators; and

22 Whereas PHAME has been recognized with a number of awards, including the City of Portland's
23 Making a Difference Award in 2011 and the Skidmore Prize, which was awarded to PHAME's
24 executive director, Stephen Marc Beaudoin, also in 2011; and

25 Whereas PHAME recently launched the Artistic Advisory Council to further its mission and
26 impact across Oregon with statewide arts leaders, including Christopher Acebo, Yulia Arakelyan,
27 John Frohnmayer, Paloma Griffin and Brisa Trinchero; and

28 Whereas PHAME collaborates with some of the finest artists and performers in this state, in-
29 cluding Pink Martini, Artists Repertory Theater, the Portland Cello Project, the Oregon
30 Shakespeare Festival, Falcon Art Community, Portland Center Stage and more; and

31 Whereas PHAME welcomes class visits at the academy and attendance at workshops, rehearsals
32 and performances so that guests may see how adults with developmental disabilities can develop

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1 skills, confidence and a sense of community through their education and participation in the fine
2 arts and performing arts; and

3 Whereas PHAME relies on support from state agencies, including the Oregon Arts Commission
4 and the Oregon Cultural Trust, to continue its innovative, life-changing work; now, therefore,

5 **Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:**

6 That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-seventh Legislative As-
7 sembly, honor the PHAME Academy for invaluable contributions to the cultural and social
8 enrichment of this state.

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