

By Senator Rich

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Senate Resolution

A resolution recognizing April 10, 2008, as "Florida Art Therapy Day."

WHEREAS, on April 10, 2008, the Florida Art Therapy Association is sponsoring an exhibition of its clients' artwork in the rotunda of the Florida Capitol to share the benefits of art therapy with the public and other professionals, and

WHEREAS, over 15,000 art therapists have been practicing for more than 50 years within this country and around the world, and

WHEREAS, art therapists practice throughout this state in more than 100 settings, including schools, hospitals, clinics, day treatment centers, adult and child care centers, community mental health centers, shelters, correctional facilities, veterans hospitals and centers, geriatric facilities, and private practices, and

WHEREAS, the state's art therapists have maintained the Florida Art Therapy Association for the past 21 years to promote continuity in clinical standards and ethics as well as legislative matters, and

WHEREAS, the use of art therapy promotes the integration of emotional, physical, social, and cognitive functioning, fosters enhanced self-awareness, and facilitates positive change in human experience and behavior, and

WHEREAS, this state's art therapists make immeasurable contributions to the health and well-being of veterans, and persons having mental health needs, Alzheimer's disease, chronic illnesses, head injuries, substance abuse problems, physical disabilities, and developmental disabilities, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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33 That April 10, 2008, is recognized as "Florida Art Therapy

34 Day" in this state.