

Public Finance and the Arts

(2234) Congress notes the important role of music in the development of human society and in particular its role for children in developing their aesthetic sensitivity.

Congress believes that the funding of the arts, and in particular music, through national and local taxation, is under attack.

Congress expresses alarm at the trend of decreasing public funding for culture resulting in part from global economic recession.

Congress resolves:

. to campaign intensively to show the value and need for continued public investment in the arts, particularly music;

. to call on governments to be responsible for artistic creation for the 21st Century, and to increase their budget to this effect.