United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer PROCLAMATION

Whereas: From the twenty-fourth of March in the year two thousand and thirteen to the thirtieth of March in the year two thousand and thirteen, National Young Audiences will celebrate National Young Audiences Arts for Learning Week and recognize sixty years of commitment to arts education in schools across the country; and

Whereas: National Young Audiences believes that an arts education, comprising a rich array of disciplines, is a core academic subject and an essential element of a complete and balanced education for students. Arts in education enables students to develop critical thinking, creativity, and alternative ways to communicate and express emotions, both inside and outside the classroom; and

Whereas: The creation of innovative curriculum and connecting outstanding teaching artists with admirable teachers has helped to make Young Audience successfully translate its mission into effective programming for the five million children participating in its invaluable arts-in-education programs. With over 4,600 professional teaching artists Young Audiences provides the highest standards in arts-in-education programs across the country; and

Whereas: With over 88,000 arts-in-education programs across the country, Young Audiences has encouraged creativity and verbal computation of children around the country. As a partner with MetLife Learning for Life and the Young Audiences National Arts Education Leadership Institute, Young Audiences is able to reach not only children but adolescents as well as young adults; and

Whereas: Young Audiences Arts for Learning creates and disseminates learning resources to inspire children, teachers, and communities to engage in arts scholastic exploration together. Through supportive resources and outstanding art teachers, Young Audiences has encouraged learning for years to come; and therefore

Be It Known: That I, Senator Charles E. Schumer, do hereby recognize and observe with those gathered here today to honor the week of March 24, 2013, through March 30, 2013, as National Young Audiences Arts for Learning Week.

Signed this 24th Day of March in the Year Two Thousand and Thirteen

> Charles E. Schumer United States Senator