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House of Representatives, March 17, 2009

Resolve, To Establish the Commission To Establish The Maine Academy of Living Treasures

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative MAGNAN of Stockton Springs.

Cosponsored by Senator ALFOND of Cumberland and

Representatives: BEAUDOIN of Biddeford, BLODGETT of Augusta, BOLAND of Sanford, BOLDUC of Auburn, BURNS of Whiting, CORNELL du HOUX of Brunswick, CROCKETT of Augusta, CURTIS of Madison, JONES of Mount Vernon, KNIGHT of Livermore Falls, LAJOIE of Lewiston, MARTIN of Orono, McCABE of Skowhegan, MITCHELL of the Penobscot Nation, MORRISON of South Portland, O'BRIEN of Lincolnville, RUSSELL of Portland, SANBORN of Gorham, SOCTOMAH of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, TILTON of Harrington, WRIGHT of Berwick, Senators: GERZOFSKY of Cumberland, ROSEN of Hancock, WESTON of Waldo.

Sec. 1. Commission established. Resolved: That the Commission To Study Establishing The Maine Academy of Living Treasures, referred to in this resolve as "the 2 commission," is established; and be it further 3 Sec. 2. Commission membership. Resolved: That the commission consists of 4 5 13 members appointed as follows: 6 1. Three Senators appointed by the President of the Senate; 2. Four Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House; and 8 3. Three artists from the State and 3 members from the arts and humanities academic field in the State appointed by the Governor, and be it further 9 10 Sec. 3. Chairs. Resolved: That the first-named Senate member is the Senate 11. chair and the first-named House of Representatives member is the House chair of the 12 commission; and be it further 13 Appointments; convening of commission. Resolved: That all 14 appointments must be made no later than 30 days following the effective date of this 15 resolve. The appointing authorities shall notify the Executive Director of the Legislative Council once all appointments have been completed. Within 15 days after appointment 16 of all members, the chairs shall call and convene the first meeting of the commission, 17 18 which must be no later than 30 days after the appointments; and be it further 19 Sec. 5. Duties. Resolved: That the commission shall review and establish the 20 groundwork to institute the Maine Academy of Living Treasures to be composed of citizens from the State who exemplify the highest levels of skill and craft in the arts and 21 22 Criteria for membership into the academy must be designed to identify 23 citizens from a statewide pool of visual and performing artists who are recognized by 24 their peers and the general public as living and working models for their chosen fields. 25 The commission shall issue a report describing the types of recognition to be given to each member of the academy and academy member responsibilities; and be it further 26 27 Sec. 6. Staff assistance. Resolved: That the Legislative Council shall provide 28 necessary staffing services to the commission; and be it further 29 Sec. 7. Report. Resolved: That, no later than December 2, 2009, the commission 30 shall submit a report that includes its findings and recommendations, including suggested 31 legislation, for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature. The 32 Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs is authorized to introduce a bill related to the subject matter of the report to the Second Regular Session of the 124th 33 34 Legislature upon receipt of the report. 35 **SUMMARY** 36 This resolve establishes the Commission To Study Establishing The Maine Academy 37 of Living Treasures to review and establish the groundwork to institute the Maine

Academy of Living Treasures to be composed of citizens from the State who exemplify the highest levels of skill and craft in the arts and humanities. The commission shall issue a report describing the types of recognition to be given to each member of the academy and academy member responsibilities to the Second Regular Session of the 124th Legislature.