

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2017-4642, by Representatives Stanford and McBride

1 WHEREAS, In 1996, the Academy of American Poets established the
2 month of April as National Poetry Month; and

3 WHEREAS, National Poetry Month highlights the extraordinary
4 legacy and ongoing achievements of American poets, introduces
5 Americans to the pleasures and benefits of reading poetry, assists
6 teachers in bringing poetry into their classrooms, encourages the
7 reading of poems, and encourages increased publication and
8 distribution of poetry books; and

9 WHEREAS, Poetry is an essential part of the arts and humanities
10 and affects every aspect of life in America today, including
11 education, the economy, and development; and

12 WHEREAS, Poetry is a means for building community and culture,
13 expressing deeply held beliefs and values, and passing on cultural
14 heritage to future generations; and

15 WHEREAS, Poetry has been an inherent part of the work of many of
16 the nation's leading creative artists and has inspired other artists
17 in fields such as music, theatre, film, dance, and the visual arts;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
19 honor the Academy of American Poets' designation of the month of
20 April as "National Poetry Month."

--- END ---