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Expressing the sense of the Senate that any public rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” should be performed as written by Francis Scott Key, in English.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 14, 2025

Mr. MULLIN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Senate that any public rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” should be performed as written by Francis Scott Key, in English.

Whereas “The Star-Spangled Banner”, written by Francis Scott Key in 1814, was designated as the national anthem of the United States by Congress in 1931;

Whereas the lyrics of “The Star-Spangled Banner”, as originally composed in English, reflect the historical and cultural significance of the resilience and unity of the United States during a time of national challenge;

Whereas the English-language text of the anthem, as written by Francis Scott Key, serves as a unifying symbol of the heritage and patriotism of the United States;

Whereas preserving the original English lyrics in public performances honors the historical context and intent of the anthem as a representation of the values and identity of the United States; and

Whereas maintaining the integrity of the anthem's original language fosters a shared understanding and respect for its meaning among all people of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
2 *concurring), That—*

3 (1) any public rendition of “The Star-Spangled
4 Banner” should be performed as written by Francis
5 Scott Key, in the English language, to preserve the
6 historical and cultural integrity of the national an-
7 them and maintain its unifying significance for the
8 people of the United States; and

9 (2) performers and organizers of public events
10 are encouraged to honor the tradition of presenting
11 “The Star-Spangled Banner” in its original English
12 form, as a tribute to its historical and patriotic im-
13 portance.

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