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Joint Resolution

To designate March 1986, as "Music in Our Schools Month".

Mar. 19, 1986
[H.J. Res. 345]

Whereas the music programs in our Nation's schools fundamentally influence the lives of millions of Americans who participate in these programs;

Whereas music is a powerful aesthetic force that exalts the human spirit, transforms human experience, and enhances the quality of life;

Whereas music is one of the most glorious manifestations of our cultural heritage that should be transmitted to succeeding generations;

Whereas music embodies one of the major symbolic systems that make mankind uniquely human;

Whereas music provides a source of enjoyment and an outlet for creativity and self-expression for all Americans;

Whereas music directly affects the innermost feelings and responses of every child and plays an essential role in the education of this Nation's children;

Whereas the study of music uniquely contributes to the intellectual, emotional, and physical development of young people;

Whereas music provides a useful means for learning about other cultures, both within the United States and abroad;

Whereas the study of music and the other arts enhances student morale and improves the quality of the school environment;

Whereas national recognition and support will assist music educators in enriching the lives of all Americans, regardless of background, age, or musical talent; and

Whereas the observation of "Music in Our Schools Month" will provide a special opportunity for Americans to learn about and support the music programs in our Nation's schools: Now, therefore, be it

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That March 1986, is designated as "Music in Our Schools Month", and all Federal, State, and local government agencies and programs, and all citizens, are called upon to show their support for music in the schools of America.

Approved March 19, 1986.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.J. Res. 345:

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