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# H. J. RES. 60

Designating the square dance as the national folk dance of the United States.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SAXTON introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating the square dance as the national folk dance of the United States.

Whereas square dancing has been a popular tradition in America since early colonial days;

Whereas square dancing has attained a revered status as part of the folklore of this country;

Whereas square dancing is a joyful expression of the vibrant spirit of the people of the United States;

Whereas the American people value the display of etiquette among men and women which is a major element of square dancing;

Whereas square dancing is a traditional form of family recreation which symbolizes a basic strength of this country, namely, the unity of the family;

Whereas square dancing epitomizes democracy because it dissolves arbitrary social distinctions; and

Whereas it is fitting that the square dance be added to the array of symbols of our national character and pride:  
Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the square dance is designated the national folk  
4       dance of the United States of America.

