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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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# CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education.

Whereas school music programs enhance intellectual development and enrich the academic environment for students of all ages;

Whereas students who participate in school music programs are less likely to be involved with drugs, gangs, or alcohol and have better attendance in school;

Whereas the skills gained through sequential music instruction, including discipline and the ability to analyze, solve problems, communicate, and work cooperatively, are vital for success in the 21st century workplace;

Whereas the majority of students attending public schools in inner city neighborhoods have virtually no access to music education, which places them at a disadvantage compared to their peers in other communities;

Whereas local budget cuts are predicted to lead to significant curtailment of school music programs, thereby depriving millions of students of an education that includes music;

Whereas the arts are a core academic subject, and music is an essential element of the arts; and

Whereas every student in the United States should have an opportunity to reap the benefits of music education: Now, therefore, be it

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

3       (1) it is the sense of the Congress that music
4    education grounded in rigorous instruction is an im-
5    portant component of a well-rounded academic cur-
6    riculum and should be available to every student in
7    every school; and

8       (2) the Congress recognizes NAMM, the Inter-
9    national Music Products Association for its efforts
10   to designate a Music in Our Schools Month in order
11   to highlight the important role that school music

1    programs play in the academic and social develop-

2    ment of children.

Passed the House of Representatives May 4, 2004.

Attest:               JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*