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H. R. 645

To amend title 36, United States Code, to designate the square dance as the national folk dance.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 5, 2003

Mr. WHITFIELD (for himself and Mr. SAXTON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Promenade Act”.

6 (b) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

7 (1) The square dance has been a popular tradi-
8 tion in America since early colonial days.

9 (2) The square dance has attained a revered
10 status as part of the folklore of this Nation.

5 (5) The square dance is a traditional form of
6 family recreation that fosters family unity, a basic
7 strength of this Nation.

14 SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF THE SQUARE DANCE AS THE NA-
15 TIONAL FOLK DANCE.

16 (a) DESIGNATION.—Chapter 3 of title 36, United
17 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 304 the
18 following new section:

19 “§ 305. National folk dance

20 “The square dance is the national folk dance.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

22 (1) The table of sections for chapter 3 of title
23 36, United States Code, is amended to read as fol-
24 lows:

1 **“CHAPTER 3—NATIONAL ANTHEM, MOTTO,**
2 **FLORAL EMBLEM, MARCH, AND FOLK DANCE**

“Sec.

“301. National anthem.
“302. National motto.
“303. National floral emblem.
“304. National march.
“305. National folk dance.”.

3 (2) The table of chapters for subtitle I of title
4 36, United States Code, is amended by striking the
5 item relating to chapter 3 and inserting the fol-
6 lowing new item:

**“3. National Anthem, Motto, Floral Emblem, March, and
Folk Dance 301”.**

