

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PASSES MUSIC EDUCATION RESOLUTION

On May 4, 2004 the United States House of Representatives approved a resolution supporting music education. In a victory for school music education programs across the country, the US House of Representatives recently passed H. CON. RES, 380 recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based music education.

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H. CON. RES. 380
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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 Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That-- (1) it is the sense of the Congress that music education grounded in rigorous instruction is an important component of a well-rounded academic curriculum and should be available to every student in every school; and

(2) the Congress recognizes NAMM, the International Music Products Association for its efforts to designate a Music in Our Schools Month in order to highlight the important role that school music programs play in the academic and social development of children.

Passed the House of Representatives May 4, 2004.