

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 45

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 2, 2005

Received and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and  
Pensions

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Recognizing the benefits and importance of school-based  
music education, and for other purposes.

Whereas school music programs enhance intellectual develop-  
ment 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;

Whereas every student in the United States should have an opportunity to reap the benefits of music education; and

Whereas NAMM, the International Music Products Association, highlights during the month of March the important role that school music programs play in the academic and social development of children: 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

1 to emphasize the importance of school music pro-  
2 grams in the academic and social development of  
3 children.

Passed the House of Representatives March 1,  
2005.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

*Clerk.*