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H. CON. RES. 355

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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; 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 it is the sense of the Congress that
 3 music education grounded in rigorous instruction is an im-
 4 portant component of a well-rounded academic curriculum
 5 and should be available to every student in every school.

Passed the House of Representatives April 4, 2006.

Attest:

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Clerk.