

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. CON. RES. 380

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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. COOPER (for himself and Mr. CUNNINGHAM) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

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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 as many as 30,000,000 students of an education that includes music;

Whereas music is a core academic subject; 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            rriculum and should be available to every student in  
7            every school; and

8            (2) the Congress recognizes the International  
9            Music Products Association for its efforts to des-  
10          ignate a Music Education Month in order to high-  
11          light the important role that school music programs  
12          play in the academic and social development of chil-  
13          dren.

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