

ADJOURNMENT—HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATE

Nov. 20, 1987

[H. Con. Res. 220]

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns on Friday, November 20, 1987, or Monday, November 23, 1987, or Tuesday, November 24, 1987, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in accordance with this resolution, it stand adjourned until 12 o'clock meridian on Monday, November 30, 1987, and that when the Senate adjourns on Friday, November 20, 1987, or Monday, November 23, 1987, or Tuesday, November 24, 1987, pursuant to a motion made by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in accordance with this resolution, it stand adjourned until 10 o'clock ante meridiem on Monday, November 30, 1987.

Agreed to November 20, 1987.

JAZZ—DESIGNATION AS AN AMERICAN NATIONAL TREASURE

Dec. 4, 1987

[H. Con. Res. 57]

Whereas, jazz has achieved preeminence throughout the world as an indigenous American music and art form, bringing to this country and the world a uniquely American musical synthesis and culture through the African-American experience and—

(1) makes evident to the world an outstanding artistic model of individual expression and democratic cooperation within the creative process, thus fulfilling the highest ideals and aspirations of our republic,

(2) is a unifying force, bridging cultural, religious, ethnic and age differences in our diverse society,

(3) is a true music of the people, finding its inspiration in the cultures and most personal experiences of the diverse peoples that constitute our Nation,

(4) has evolved into a multifaceted art form which continues to birth and nurture new stylistic idioms and cultural fusions,

(5) has had an historic, pervasive, and continuing influence on other genres of music both here and abroad, and

(6) has become a true international language adopted by musicians around the world as a music best able to express contemporary realities from a personal perspective;

Whereas, this great American musical art form has not yet been properly recognized nor accorded the institutional status commensurate with its value and importance;

Whereas, it is important for the youth of America to recognize and understand jazz as a significant part of their cultural and intellectual heritage;

Whereas, inasmuch as there exists no effective national infrastructure to support and preserve jazz;

Whereas, documentation and archival support required by such a great art form has yet to be systematically applied to the jazz field; and

Whereas, it is in the best interest of the national welfare and all of our citizens to preserve and celebrate this unique art form: Now, therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that jazz is hereby designated as a rare and valuable national American treasure to which we should devote our attention, support and resources to make certain it is preserved, understood, and promulgated.

Agreed to December 4, 1987.

Dec. 12, 1987
[H. Con. Res. 97]

SCHOOL CHILDREN—PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Whereas physical education is essential to the development of growing children;

Whereas physical education helps improve the overall health of children by improving their cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength and power, and flexibility, and by enhancing weight regulation, bone development, posture, skillful moving, active lifestyle habits, and constructive use of leisure time;

Whereas physical education increases children's mental alertness, academic performance, readiness to learn, and enthusiasm for learning;

Whereas physical education helps improve the self-esteem, interpersonal relationships, responsible behavior, and independence of children;

Whereas children who participate in high quality daily physical education programs tend to be more healthy and physically fit;

Whereas physically fit adults have significantly reduced risk factors for heart attacks and strokes;

Whereas the Surgeon General, in Objectives for the Nation, recommends increasing the number of school mandated physical education programs that focus on health-related physical fitness;

Whereas the Secretary of Education in First Lessons—A Report on Elementary Education in America, recognized that elementary schools have a special mandate to provide elementary school children with the knowledge, habits, and attitudes that will equip the children for a fit and healthy life; and

Whereas a high quality daily physical education program for all children in kindergarten through grade 12 is an essential part of a comprehensive education: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress encourages State and local governments and local educational agencies to provide high quality daily physical education programs for all children in kindergarten through grade 12.

Agreed to December 12, 1987.

Dec. 21, 1987
[S. Con. Res. 92]

DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AND FEDERALIST PAPERS—SECONDARY SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Whereas the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and the signing of the United States Constitution in 1787 were principal events in the history of the Union;