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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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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 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 Senate (the House of Representatives*
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
6 in the United States.