

103^D CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

S. RES. 209

To express the sense of the Senate honoring Mikis Theodorakis.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 3 (legislative day, MAY 2), 1994

Mr. RIEGLE submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

To express the sense of the Senate honoring Mikis
Theodorakis.

Whereas Mikis Theodorakis is an internationally renowned musical genius and is considered to be Greece's greatest living composer;

Whereas Mikis Theodorakis was born in 1925 on the Greek island of Khios to a family which instilled in him a love of music and a passion for life;

Whereas, as a youth, Mikis Theodorakis pursued his love of music by teaching himself to write music from memory and without access to musical instruments;

Whereas in 1953 Mikis Theodorakis entered the Paris Conservatory, launching his brilliant musical career;

Whereas Mikis Theodorakis has composed more than 200 popular songs, 10 symphonies, 3 ballets, 2 oratorios, a

folk opera, and the Olympic anthem (which was first performed at the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain);

Whereas Mikis Theodorakis is famous throughout the world for his film scores to “Z” and “Zorba the Greek”;

Whereas Mikis Theodorakis combines his exceptional artistic talent with a deep love of his country and is dedicated to heightening international awareness of human rights and environmental issues, and ending child hunger in the world;

Whereas Mikis Theodorakis is on a month-long goodwill tour of Europe, Canada, and the United States;

Whereas Mikis Theodorakis returns to North America after an absence of nearly 2 decades, leading the 150 Ensemble Symphony Orchestra and Chorus of Hellenic Radio and Television in concert performances of his own works;

Whereas the proceeds from Mikis Theodorakis’ concert tour will benefit a number of philanthropic organizations, including the Greek reforestation effort sponsored by the Plant Your Roots in Greece Foundation;

Whereas his beautiful homeland of Greece is fortunate to claim Mikis Theodorakis as a national figure; and

Whereas the United States is fortunate to welcome Mikis Theodorakis for the series of concerts he will present here during May 1994: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that—

2 (1) Mikis Theodorakis’ musical contributions,

3 and his efforts to promote human rights, raise

1 awareness of environmental issues, and end child
2 hunger deserve our appreciation and support; and

3 (2) the Senate welcomes Mikis Theodorakis to
4 the United States and applauds his talent and en-
5 thusiasm for his work.

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