

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 262

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 5, 2003

Received and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress in support of the
National Anthem “SingAmerica” project.

Whereas the performance and singing of traditional, patriotic music has served as a vital instrument for the recruitment and retention of members of the armed forces of the United States, has been a catalyst for the development of public support for a common defense policy, and has united Americans of all backgrounds throughout the history of the United States as an inspirational expression of the national purpose of freedom;

Whereas the national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner, holds a special place in the hearts and minds of the American people as a symbol of national unity, resolve, and willingness to sacrifice in order to preserve the nation's sacred heritage of freedom;

Whereas the members of the MENC: the National Association for Music Education, the officers of the Smithsonian Institution, and the members of the American Sportscasters Association have joined in the National Anthem "SingAmerica" project to restore the original Star Spangled Banner flag and to renew national awareness of the patriotic musical traditions of the United States; and

Whereas this dynamic national initiative promises to invigorate and inspire the American people to have a greater appreciation of their patriotic musical heritage and the preeminent role that heritage has in promoting national defense efforts, motivating public and military service, infusing national pride, encouraging good citizenship practices, and teaching American history: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring), That the Congress—*

3 (1) commends the MENC: The National Asso-
4 ciation for Music Education, the Smithsonian Insti-
5 tution, the American Sportscasters Association, and
6 all those involved in the National Anthem
7 "SingAmerica" project for their initiative to promote
8 national awareness of the patriotic musical heritage
9 of the United States; and

1 (2) urges all Americans to assist, enjoy, and
2 participate in the National Anthem “SingAmerica”
3 project.

 Passed the House of Representatives November 4,
2003.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.