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# S. CON. RES. 33

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

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself, Mr. DODD, and Mr. KENNEDY) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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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 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 Congress that music  
3 education grounded in rigorous instruction is an impor-  
4 tant component of a well-rounded academic curriculum  
5 and should be available to every student in every school  
6 in the United States.

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