

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 580

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band’s World’s Largest Drum.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 6, 2022

Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution;  
which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the creation of the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band’s World’s Largest Drum.

Whereas the World’s Largest Drum is a significant piece of the “All-American” Marching Band and an icon of Purdue University;

Whereas, in 1921, “All-American” Marching Band Director Paul Spotts Emrick commissioned the World’s Largest Drum from the Leedy Corporation of Indianapolis;

Whereas, in 1921, the World’s Largest Drum was the largest drum in existence and was displayed at the Indiana Statehouse and Indiana State Fair;

Whereas it is a Purdue “All-American” Marching Band tradition to honor national leaders and heroes with the privi-

lege to beat the World’s Largest Drum, with President Harry Truman, Gus Grissom, and Neil Armstrong being among those accepting the invitation; and

Whereas the World’s Largest Drum is an essential element of the “All-American” Marching Band’s performances across Indiana, the United States, and the world: Now, therefore, be it

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

2               (1) the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band,  
3       which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the  
4       construction of the World’s Largest Drum, continues  
5       to remain an important cultural and historical icon  
6       of Purdue University and the State of Indiana;

7               (2) the World’s Largest Drum deserves recogni-  
8       tion for the continued legacies of excellence and dis-  
9       cipline exhibited by the World’s Largest Drum crew  
10      and the Purdue “All-American” Marching Band;  
11      and

12              (3) continued admiration of the World’s Larg-  
13      est Drum exemplifies the spirit of ingenuity of the  
14      people of the United States to push the bounds of  
15      engineering and create new products.

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