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S. RES. 214

Designating the week of June 24 through 28, 2011, as “National Music Education Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mrs. MURRAY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of June 24 through 28, 2011, as
“National Music Education Week”.

Whereas the National Association for Music Education has designated the week of June 24 through 28, 2011, as “National Music Education Week”;

Whereas school-based music education is important and beneficial for students of all ages;

Whereas music education programs enhance intellectual development and enrich the academic environment for students of all ages;

Whereas 3 out of every 4 Americans have participated in music education programs, including chorus groups and formal instrument lessons, during their time in school;

Whereas of those who have participated in school-based music education programs, 40 percent stated that such programs were extremely influential in contributing to their current level of personal fulfillment;

Whereas music education provides students with the opportunity to express their creativity and to develop skills that will benefit them throughout the rest of their lives;

Whereas the skills gained through 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 many students have limited access to music education, which places them at a disadvantage compared to their peers;

Whereas local budget cuts are predicted to lead to a significant curtailment of school music programs, thereby depriving millions of students of an education that includes music;

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*, That the Senate designates the week of
- 2 June 24 through 28, 2011, as “National Music Education
- 3 Week” in order to recognize the benefits and importance
- 4 of music education.

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