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House Resolution 1066

By: Representatives Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>, Maxwell of the 17<sup>th</sup>, Coleman of the 97<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, and Casas of the 103<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending the National Association for Music Education and the First Lady of the United
- 2 States, Laura Bush, for their efforts on behalf of the National Anthem Project; and for other
- 3 purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, the Star-Spangled Banner was adopted as the National Anthem of the United
- 5 States in 1931 by an Act of Congress; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a recent Harris Interactive Survey discovered that of men and women 18 years
- 7 of age and older, 61 percent of those surveyed did not know all the lyrics of the first stanza;
- 8 of those who did, 58 percent had received at least five years of music education; and
- 9 WHEREAS, an ABC News poll revealed that more than one in three Americans do not know
- 10 the official name of the national anthem is the Star-Spangled Banner; less than 35 percent
- of American teens can name Francis Scott Key as the composer of the National Anthem; and
- as few as 15 percent of American youth can sing the words to the anthem from memory; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the National Association of Music Educators has taken a lead role in promoting
- 14 the National Anthem through the National Anthem Project to help remedy this concern; and
- 15 the First Lady of the United States, Laura Bush, has agreed to serve as the Honorary
- 16 Chairperson of the National Anthem Project and is lending her support and visibility to this
- 17 effort; and
- 18 WHEREAS, highest commendations should be extended to the National Association for
- 19 Music Education and the First Lady of the United States, Laura Bush, for their efforts on
- 20 behalf of the National Anthem Project.
- 21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 22 this body does hereby find it appalling the number of citizens of the United States unable to

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1 correctly sing the National Anthem and we wholeheartedly support the National Anthem

- 2 Project.
- 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage all Georgia music educators to participate
- 4 in the National Anthem Project as promoted by the National Association of Music Educators.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we commend the National Association of Music
- 6 Educators and the First Lady of the United States, Laura Bush, for their efforts on behalf of
- 7 the National Anthem Project and do thank Laura Bush for her willingness to lend her support
- 8 and visibility as Honorary Chairperson of the National Anthem Project.
- 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- and directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the First Lady of the United States, Laura
- 11 Bush; the Governor of the Great State of Georgia, Honorable Sonny Perdue; the State School
- 12 Superintendent, Honorable Kathy Cox; David Circle, President of the National Association
- 13 of Music Educators; John Mahlmann, Executive Secretary of the National Association of
- 14 Music Educators; and Benny Ferguson, President of the Georgia Music Educators
- 15 Association.