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# H. CON. RES. 43

Expressing the sense of Congress that any public rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” must be performed as written by Francis Scott Key, in English.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 10, 2025

Mrs. BICE (for herself, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. MURPHY, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. DOWNING, Mrs. HOUCHIN, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that any public rendition of “The Star-Spangled Banner” must be performed as written by Francis Scott Key, in English.

Whereas “The Star-Spangled Banner”, written by Francis Scott Key in 1814, was designated as the national anthem of the United States by Congress in 1931;

Whereas the lyrics of “The Star-Spangled Banner”, as originally composed in English, reflect the historical and cultural significance of the United States resilience and unity during a time of national challenge;

Whereas the English-language text of the anthem, as written by Francis Scott Key, serves as a unifying symbol of American heritage and patriotism;

Whereas preserving the original English lyrics in public performances honors the historical context and intent of the anthem as a representation of the Nation’s values and identity; and

Whereas maintaining the integrity of the anthem’s original language fosters a shared understanding and respect for its meaning among all Americans: Now, therefore, be it

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

3            (1) any public rendition of “The Star-Spangled  
4        Banner” should be performed as written by Francis  
5        Scott Key, in the English language, to preserve its  
6        historical and cultural integrity;

7            (2) public performances of the national anthem  
8        should reflect the original lyrics to maintain its uni-  
9        fying significance for the people of the United  
10       States; and

11           (3) performers and organizers of public events  
12       are encouraged to honor the tradition of presenting  
13       “The Star-Spangled Banner” in its original English  
14       form, as a tribute to its historical and patriotic im-  
15       portance.

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