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Designating October 2024 as "National Country Music Month".

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. KAINE) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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- Whereas country music, a uniquely American sound, echoes from the backroads of the United States to the streets of Nashville, Tennessee;
- Whereas Bristol, straddling the Tennessee and Virginia state line, is recognized as the "birthplace of country music";
- Whereas the Grand Ole Opry, the most famous stage in country music, has been called the "home of American music";
- Whereas the Ryman Auditorium, the original home of the Grand Ole Opry, has been described as "the Mother Church of country music";

- Whereas country music reminds every American of the importance of faith, family, freedom, hope, opportunity, and patriotism;
- Whereas country music has influenced numerous other genres of music;
- Whereas country music is an incredibly diverse genre, appealing to Americans from all walks of life;
- Whereas country music has millions of fans all across the United States;
- Whereas the country music industry contributes billions of dollars in revenue each year to the economy of the United States;
- Whereas the Country Music Association first celebrated "National Country Music Month" in 1964; and
- Whereas President Nixon issued a presidential proclamation in 1970 to acknowledge October as "National Country Music Month": Now, therefore, be it
 - 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—
- 2 (1) designates October 2024 as "National
 3 Country Music Month";
- 4 (2) honors the contributions of country music
 5 to the story and history of the United States; and
 6 (3) encourages the American people to observe
 7 "National Country Music Month" with appropriate
- 8 ceremonies and activities.