

119TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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Designating October 2026 as “National Country Music Month”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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

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# RESOLUTION

Designating October 2026 as “National Country Music Month”.

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 Dolly Parton, the “Queen of Country” and one of the world’s biggest stars, passed away on August 25, 2026, at the age of 80;

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 2026 as “National  
3       Country Music Month”;

4               (2) honors the contributions of country music  
5       and its stars to the story and history of the United  
6       States; and

- 1           (3) encourages the American people to observe
- 2           “National Country Music Month” with appropriate
- 3           ceremonies and activities.