

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 634

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A RESOLUTION relative to the 200th anniversary of the National Anthem.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission is dedicated to honoring the role of Tennesseans in the War of 1812 and the impact of that war nationally; and

WHEREAS, September 14, 2014, marks the 200th Anniversary of Francis Scott Key writing the lyrics that eventually became the National Anthem; and

WHEREAS, on Friday night, September 12, 2014, high schools across the state will play the National Anthem before home football games; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that this General Assembly encourages each high school in Tennessee to have read aloud the following statement before the playing of the National Anthem at any sporting or other school-sponsored event occurring on September 12, 2014:

Ladies and gentlemen: Tonight, as we rise to sing our National Anthem, we celebrate the two-hundredth anniversary of the Star Spangled Banner, which was written on September 14, 1814, during the War of 1812, and whose bicentennial we currently observe. Let us honor the service and sacrifices made by Americans in that war and in every other conflict this great nation has fought in to preserve our peace and freedom. This announcement provided by the Tennessee War of 1812 Bicentennial Commission.