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To designate “America”, “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”, and “Lift Every Voice and Sing” as national hymns.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2021

Mr. NOAH (for himself, Mr. BUTTERSON, and Mr. XANDER) introduced the
following bill;

A BILL

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national hymns.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of
America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “America the Beautiful Act of July 2021”.

SEC. 2. NATIONAL HYMNS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—[Chapter 3 of title 36](#) of the United States Code is amended by appending the
following new section:

“§ 307. National hymns

“(a) The compositions consisting of the words and music known as—

- “(i) ‘America (My Country ‘Tis of Thee)’, written by Samuel Francis Smith;
- “(ii) ‘The Battle Hymn of the Republic’, written by Julia Ward Howe; and
- “(iii) ‘Lift Every Voice and Sing’, written by James Weldon Johnson and John Rosamond Johnson;

are designated as the national hymns of the United States.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of contents of Chapter 3 of title 36 is amended by appending at the end the following:

“307. National hymns”.