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**RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON JUNE 14, 2009
IN HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Resolution in Support of

Performance Rights Act

Proposed by: YDA Labor Caucus

- 1 **WHEREAS** listening to music on the radio has been a source of entertainment for generations of
2 Americans; and
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4 **WHEREAS** AM and FM broadcaster have enjoyed for decades and exemption from current
5 copyright law which requires satellite radio, cable radio channels and internet webcasts to pay a
6 royalty for the use of music; and
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8 **WHEREAS** the Performance Rights Act (H.R. 848, S. 379) would correct a loophole in the
9 copyright law by removing the broadcaster exemption to assure that all platforms are treated
10 equally and pay a performance royalty to artists; and
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12 **WHEREAS** this legislation, while most vocally backed by artists from the Motown era, would
13 allow young, up-and-coming artists to enjoy the fruits of their labor;
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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Young Democrats of America hereby support the
16 passage of the Performance Rights Act (H.R. 848, S. 379).
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