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Byrd and West Virginia- Based Gandydancer Sing Traditional Mountain Music in Nation's Capitol



Washington, D.C.... U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd, D-W.Va., takes some time out of Appropriations negotiations to sing a few familiar mountain tunes with West Virginia's own Gandydancer (<http://www.fiddletunes.com/pages/gandy.htm>). The West Virginia-based Gandydancer performed on Wednesday, December 12, 2007, at the Library of Congress during its "Homegrown - The Music of America" festival. Gandydancer then visited Senator Byrd, who is a lifelong fiddle player and mountain music fan, in his U.S. Capitol office where the band performed a few numbers for Senator Byrd and members of his staff.

"It is wonderful to have the sounds of home fill the halls of our nation's Capitol," Byrd said. "There's nothing like good, old-fashioned mountain music to remind me of the hills and valleys of West Virginia."

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