

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 1027

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AS INTRODUCED

A Resolution memorializing Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to prohibit the desecration of the United States flag; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, although the right of free expression is part of the foundation of the United States Constitution, very carefully drawn limits on expression in specific instances have long been recognized as legitimate means of maintaining public safety and defining other societal standards; and

WHEREAS, certain actions, although arguably related to one person's free expression, nevertheless raise issues concerning public decency, public peace, and the rights of other citizens; and

WHEREAS, there are symbols of our national soul, such as the Washington Monument, the United States Capitol Building, and memorials to our greatest leaders, which are the property of every American and are worthy of protection from desecration and dishonor; and

WHEREAS, the American Flag is a most honorable and worthy banner of a nation which is thankful to Divine Providence for its strengths and committed to curing its faults, a nation that remains the destination of millions of immigrants attracted by the universal power of the American ideal; and

WHEREAS, the law, as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court, no longer accords the Stars and Stripes the reverence,

respect, and dignity befitting the banner of that most noble experiment of a nation-state; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that people everywhere should lend their voices to a forceful call for restoration of the Stars and Stripes to a proper station under law and decency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution, for ratification by the states, specifying that Congress and the states shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate and each member of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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