

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1006

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Thornbrugh of the House

and

Long (Ed) of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution relating to the First Amendment; recognizing difficulty with judicial interpretations; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution provides in the First Amendment that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"; and

WHEREAS, this portion of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, known as the "Establishment Clause", has been the subject of many judicial interpretations; and

WHEREAS, repetitive litigation to determine the meaning of the Establishment Clause is costly, time-consuming and is not a desirable method for obtaining clear guidance about the meaning of this portion of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the legislatures of the several states have been constrained in their abilities to enact laws related to the subject of voluntary prayer in certain public places because of differing judicial interpretations of the Establishment Clause; and

WHEREAS, it would be desirable for the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution that would clarify the ability of states to enact laws related to the subject of voluntary prayer in certain public places.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. The Oklahoma Legislature respectfully memorializes the Congress of the United States to propose a Constitutional Amendment to clarify the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States which would authorize voluntary prayer and silent meditation in institutions supported by public funds, and which acknowledges the right of all citizens to exercise their religious beliefs.

SECTION 2. Copies of this resolution shall be dispatched to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the Secretary of the United States Senate and to the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 6th day of March, 1995.

of \_\_\_\_\_ Speaker \_\_\_\_\_ of the House  
Representative  
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Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

Senate

President

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