

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1061

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A Resolution expressing strong support for the right of Freedom of Religion; affirming legislative role and intent to protect such freedom; committing Legislature to prohibit certain actions involving such freedom; encouraging citizens to report to the Attorney General any action interfering with such freedom; requiring Attorney General to make certain report; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution states that there will be no law prohibiting the free exercise of religion; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Article I of the Oklahoma Constitution states that "Perfect toleration of religious sentiment shall be secured, and no inhabitant of the State shall ever be molested in person or property on account of his or her mode of religious worship"; and

WHEREAS, all religions are given equal status in Oklahoma and the rights of any one religion are respected in the same way as any other religion; and

WHEREAS, religion is one of the basic foundations of our society in Oklahoma and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the practice of religious activities is one of the fundamentals in raising a family and in such raising of a community; and

WHEREAS, the failure of religious morals, practices, principles, traditions, and truth being presented to citizens of this country may have led to the decay of a more benevolent society; and

WHEREAS, the ability of more spiritual growth to be nurtured in society would improve individuals' respect for the common good of humankind; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the citizens of this state believe that no governmental entity should substantially burden the religious exercise of religious rights of any person in this state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expresses strong support for the Freedom of Religion in both the private and governmental sectors of this state.

THAT the Legislature affirms its role and intent to protect freedom of religious expression.

THAT the Legislature commits itself to be diligent in its laws and actions not to prohibit or interfere with the freedom of religious expression.

THAT the Legislature encourages any citizen who believes their freedom of religious expression is restricted or interfered with to report such incidents to the Attorney General for action. The Attorney General shall make an annual report to the Legislature of such incidents and make recommendations to the Legislature as might be necessary to protect the freedom of religious expression.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Attorney General, Drew Edmondson.

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