

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1042

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A Resolution relating to the Pledge of Allegiance;
declaring that the Pledge of Allegiance is an
expression and affirmation of patriotism; proclaiming
that the words "under God" are an important part of
that expression and affirmation and should be
retained in the Pledge of Allegiance.

WHEREAS, the Pledge of Allegiance is an integral part of
American life that proclaims the patriotism felt by all true
Americans; and

WHEREAS, the wording of the Pledge of Allegiance is currently
being challenged in the United States Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, the party challenging the Pledge of Allegiance
mistakenly believes that the words "under God", which have been a
part of the Pledge since 1954, violate the establishment clause of
the First Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Pledge of Allegiance has been recited with the
words "under God" included for fifty years without legal challenge;
and

WHEREAS, the Solicitor General of the United States, Theodore
Olson, who will be arguing in favor of retaining the wording of the
Pledge of Allegiance, has stated in his brief to the Supreme Court
that the Pledge is an expression of "national unity, patriotism and
an appreciation for the values that define the nation"; and

WHEREAS, the Pledge of Allegiance is a unifying force that
Americans rally behind; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we keep the wording of the Pledge
of Allegiance intact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Pledge of Allegiance is an expression and affirmation
of patriotism.

THAT the words "under God" are an important part of that expression and affirmation and should be retained in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 6th day of April, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives