

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 CONCURRENT
3 RESOLUTION NO. 1026

By: Kern, Bennett and Ritze of
the House

and

Stanislawski of the Senate

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8 A Concurrent Resolution relating to the United States
9 Military; supporting religious tradition and open
10 expression; and directing distribution.

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12 WHEREAS, American history demonstrates the importance of open
13 and unrestricted religious expression in the military, beginning
14 with General George Washington even before the American founding and
15 then continuing unabated thereafter; and

16 WHEREAS, the historical and constitutional emphasis is on
17 securing the rights of conscience and religious expression for all
18 citizens and does not exclude those in the military; and

19 WHEREAS, there is a recent documented trend of increasing
20 hostility from special interests towards religious expressions by
21 military service members and of restrictions on military chaplains,
22 especially toward those of the Judeo-Christian tradition; and

23 WHEREAS, the Judeo-Christian tradition has been, and continues
24 to be, the majority religion in the U.S.A. and its military; and

1 WHEREAS, American history has had a two-century policy of
2 friendliness to and acceptance of faith and religious expression in
3 the military, including its direct support through a professional
4 chaplaincy; and

5 WHEREAS, the purpose of government is to protect the inalienable
6 rights of every individual, including those in the military; the
7 rights of conscience and religious expression are among those rights
8 which government has a fundamental duty to protect, rather than
9 infringe upon.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
11 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
12 CONCURRING THEREIN:

13 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives strongly supports the
14 over two hundred years of Judeo-Christian tradition and its open
15 expression in the United States Military and support of the
16 professional chaplaincy.

17 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expects the Adjutant
18 General of Oklahoma to fully support and defend the rights of
19 religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-Christian
20 tradition in the Oklahoma National Guard and support the
21 professional chaplaincy.

22 THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expects civilian and
23 military leaders of the United States Military to fully support and
24 aggressively defend the rights of religious conscience and the free

