

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4   HOUSE CONCURRENT  
5   RESOLUTION 1026

                                  By: Kern

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8                                   AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1        THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expects civilian and  
2 military leaders of the United States Military to fully support and  
3 aggressively defend the rights of religious conscience and the free  
4 exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the United States  
5 Military and support the professional chaplaincy.

6        THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma  
7 Congressional Delegation, Adjutant General of Oklahoma and the  
8 Unites States Secretary of Defense.

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10 DIRECT TO CALENDAR.

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