

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE CONCURRENT  
4 RESOLUTION 1026

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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 aggressively defend the  
19 rights of religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-  
20 Christian 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

1 exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the United States  
2 Military and support the professional chaplaincy.

3 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma  
4 Congressional Delegation, Adjutant General of Oklahoma and the  
5 Unites States Secretary of Defense.

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