

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 9, 2003

Mr. ISTOOK (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BONNER, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. CULBERSON, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, Mr. HALL, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. JANKLOW, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LUCAS of Kentucky, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SCHROCK, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. TERRY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. ROYCE, and Mr. STENHOLM) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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JOINT RESOLUTION

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1 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives
2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-
3 thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
9 for ratification, and is intended to include protection of
10 the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, the display of the
11 Ten Commandments, and voluntary school prayer:

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``ARTICLE --

``To secure the people's right to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience:

``The people retain the right to pray and to recognize their religious beliefs, heritage, and traditions on public property, including schools.

``The United States and the States shall not establish any official religion nor require any person to join in prayer or religious activity.''.

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