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# H. J. RES. 57

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

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2005

Mr. ISTOOK (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BEAUPREZ, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BONNER, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. CARTER, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. CHOCOLA, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COLE of Oklahoma, Mr. CONAWAY, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DELAY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. FORBES, Ms. FOXX, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. GOODE, Mr. HALL, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. ISSA, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. McCAUL of Texas, Mr. McCRERY, Mr. McHENRY, Mr. McINTYRE, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OTTER, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PITTS, Mr. PLATTS, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. RENZI, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. TERRY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. WICKER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. JINDAL, Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee, and Mr. HAYES) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

# JOINT RESOLUTION

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

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3 *(two-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:

12   “ARTICLE —

13       “To secure the people’s right to acknowledge God ac-  
14 cording to the dictates of conscience:

15                   “The people retain the right to pray and to rec-  
16 ognize their religious beliefs, heritage, and traditions  
17 on public property, including schools.

18                   “The United States and the States shall not es-  
19 tablish any official religion nor require any person to  
20 join in prayer or religious activity.”.

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