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# H. CON. RES. 161

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Washington for Jesus  
1996 prayer rally.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 15, 1996

Mr. STOCKMAN submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was  
referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the  
Washington for Jesus 1996 prayer rally.

Whereas One Nation Under God, Inc. the (“Sponsor”) has sponsored two previous prayer rallies entitled Washington for Jesus in the city of Washington and plans a third such event over a two-day period on April 29 and 30, 1996;

Whereas public assembly for giving thanks and praying for the United States is a tradition in this Nation dating from before the Nation’s founding and commemorated each year by a national Thanksgiving holiday;

Whereas the Capitol Grounds are public property and should be made available and accessible to all groups on an equal basis with one another;

Whereas the Washington for Jesus prayer rally provides for the peaceable assembly and public expression of peoples of all faiths to pray and give thanks for the United States;

Whereas the Sponsor first submitted an application to the Capitol Police Board on April 18, 1994 for the use of the Capitol Grounds for the event to be conducted over April 29 and 30, 1996;

Whereas the Capitol Police Board just recently advised the Sponsor that congressional authorization is required for any event on Capitol Grounds lasting more than two days, inclusive of setup, takedown, and cleanup; and

Whereas the Sponsor requests one extra day before the event to accommodate setup, takedown, and prepare for a thorough cleanup: Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring),*

3 **SECTION. 1. AUTHORIZATION.**

4        (a) IN GENERAL.—One Nation Under God, Inc.,  
5 shall be permitted to sponsor a public event over a two-  
6 day period on April 29 and 30, 1996, plus one day before  
7 such event to fully accommodate and prepare for setup,  
8 takedown, and cleanup (referred to as the “event”).

9        (b) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—The event shall be  
10 free of any admission charge to the public and arranged  
11 so as not to interfere with the needs of Congress, subject  
12 to conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Cap-  
13 itol and the Capitol Police Board. The Sponsor shall as-

1 sume full responsibility for all expenses incident to all ac-  
2 tivities associated with the event and may collect an offer-  
3 ing from those attending to pay for such expenses and  
4 activities.

5 (c) STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.—For the pur-  
6 poses of this resolution, the Sponsor is authorized to erect  
7 upon the Capitol Grounds such stage, sound amplification  
8 devices, and related structures and equipment as may be  
9 required to conduct the event, subject to approval of the  
10 Architect of the Capitol.

11 (d) ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.—The Architect of  
12 the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized  
13 to make any such additional arrangements as may be nec-  
14 essary to carry out the event consistent with good order,  
15 public health, safety, and protection of the Capitol and  
16 its Grounds.

17 **SEC. 2. SPONSORSHIP OR ENDORSEMENT.**

18 Nothing contained in this resolution shall be consid-  
19 ered or construed as an endorsement of Sponsor's event  
20 or related activities or expressions, religious or otherwise.  
21 The Sponsor shall not represent either directly or indi-  
22 rectly that this resolution or any activity carried out under  
23 this resolution in any way constitutes approval or endorse-  
24 ment by the United States Government, or any of its agen-

- 1 cies, of any activity or expression, religious or otherwise,
- 2 of the Sponsor or its event.

