

104TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 127

Proposing a religious liberties amendment to the Constitution of the United States to secure the people's right to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 28, 1995

Mr. ISTOOK (for himself, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BAKER of California, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BLILEY, Mr. BONILLA, Mr. BUNNING of Kentucky, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALLAHAN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. CHRYSLER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLLINS of Georgia, Mr. CONDIT, Mr. COOLEY, Mr. CRANE, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DICKEY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DORNAN, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. EMERSON, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. FORBES, Mr. FUNDERBURK, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GUTKNECHT, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HANCOCK, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HASTERT, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HEINEMAN, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES, Mr. KASICH, Mr. KIM, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LIGHTFOOT, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LIVINGSTON, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. MCHUGH, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. MOORHEAD, Mr. MYERS of Indiana, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PACKARD, Mr. PARKER, Mr. PAXON, Mr. POMBO, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROHRBACHER, Mr. ROTH, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SKEEN, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mrs. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SMITH of Michigan, Mr. SOLOMON, Mr. SPENCE, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. STENHOLM, Mr. STOCKMAN, Mr. TATE, Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mrs. VUCANOVICH, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. WICKER, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, and Mr. YOUNG of Alaska) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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 follow-  
4   ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-  
5   tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
6   and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by  
7   the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-  
8   in seven years after the date of its submission for ratifica-  
9   tion:

11       “To secure the people’s right to acknowledge God ac-  
12 cording to the dictates of conscience: Nothing in this Con-  
13 stitution shall prohibit acknowledgments of the religious  
14 heritage, beliefs, or traditions of the people, or prohibit  
15 student-sponsored prayer in public schools. Neither the  
16 United States nor any State shall compose any official  
17 prayer or compel joining in prayer, or discriminate against  
18 religious expression or belief.”.

