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H. CON. RES. 239

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 16, 2001

Received and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
Pensions

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress that schools in the United States should set aside a sufficient period of time to allow children to pray for, or quietly reflect on behalf of, the Nation during this time of struggle against the forces of international terrorism.

Whereas section 4 of title 4, United States Code, establishes the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and describes such Pledge as including the phrase “one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all”;

Whereas in 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower, referring to the reference to God in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, said that the Nation had reaffirmed “the

transcendence of religious faith in America's heritage and future; in this way we shall constantly strengthen those spiritual weapons which forever will be our country's most powerful resource in peace and war"; and

Whereas President George W. Bush has asked the people of the United States to pray for those who suffered as a result of the atrocities committed against the United States on September 11, 2001: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that schools
 3 in the United States should set aside a sufficient period
 4 of time to allow children to pray for, or quietly reflect on
 5 behalf of, the Nation during this time of struggle against
 6 the forces of international terrorism.

Passed the House of Representatives November 15,
 2001.

Attest:

JEFF TRANDAHL,

Clerk.