108TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. 7

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to voluntary school prayer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

January 7, 2003

Mrs. Emerson 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 relating to voluntary school prayer.

- 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 hereby proposed as an amendment to the
- 5 Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to
- 6 all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution if rati-
- 7 field by the legislatures of at least three-fourths of the sev-
- 8 eral States within seven years from the date of its proposal
- 9 to the States by the Congress:

1 "ARTICLE—

- 2 "Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to
- 3 prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or
- 4 other public institutions. No person shall be required by
- 5 the United States or by any State to participate in prayer.
- 6 Neither the United States nor any State shall prescribe
- 7 the content of any such prayer.".

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