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S. RES. 244

Expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. SALAZAR (for himself, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. PRYOR, and Mr. CONRAD) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Whereas Congress in 1954 added the words “under God” to the Pledge of Allegiance;

Whereas the Pledge of Allegiance has for more than 50 years included references to the U.S. flag, the country, to our country having been established as a union “under God” and to this country being dedicated to securing “liberty and justice for all”;

Whereas the Congress in 1954 believed it was acting constitutionally when it revised the Pledge of Allegiance;

Whereas this Senate of the 109th Congress believes that the Pledge of Allegiance is not an unconstitutional expression of patriotism;

Whereas patriotic songs, engravings on U.S. legal tender, engravings on Federal buildings also contain general references to “God”; and

Whereas the Congress expects that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will review on appeal the decision of the District Court: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved,*

2 SEC. 1. That the Senate strongly disapproves of the
3 U.S. District Court ruling in *Newdow v. The Congress of*
4 *the United States of America, et al.*, holding the Pledge
5 of Allegiance unconstitutional.

6 SEC. 2. That the Senate authorizes and instructs the
7 Senate Legal Counsel to continue to cooperate fully with
8 the Attorney General in this case in order to vigorously
9 defend the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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