

RESOLUTION NO. 96- 62

A RESOLUTION URGING THAT PRAYER BE RETURNED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, Article (1) states, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."; and

WHEREAS, our nation was founded upon many different religious beliefs and ideals of settlers from other countries; and

WHEREAS, the framers of our Constitution sought to protect everyone from one mandated state religion; and

WHEREAS, our nation was⁶ founded on the freedom of RELIGION and was not founded on the freedom FROM RELIGION; and

WHEREAS, through time, court decisions and certain interest groups have contributed to the deterioration of those religious beliefs and ideals to the extent that prayer has been banned from the public school system; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners strongly believes that reinstatement in the public schools will move this nation toward those religious beliefs and ideals upon which this nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners urges

all cities and counties across this Nation to join in an effort to reinstate prayer in the public schools by passing similar resolutions and uniting in a "grass roots" movement for that purpose;

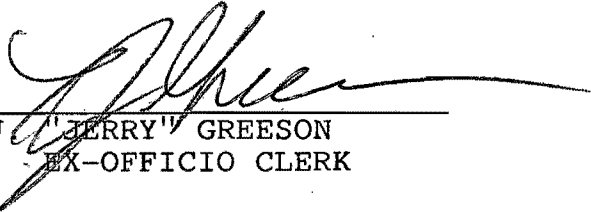
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners, Nassau County, Florida, strongly urges that prayer be returned to the public school systems of this nation and invites all cities and counties across this Nation to join in an effort to reinstate prayer in the public schools by passing similar resolutions and uniting in a grass roots movement for that purpose.

A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to Senator Charles Williams, Representative George Crady, Senator Bob Graham, Senator Connie Mack, and Representative Tillie K. Fowler.

PASSED and adopted this 25th day of March, 1996.

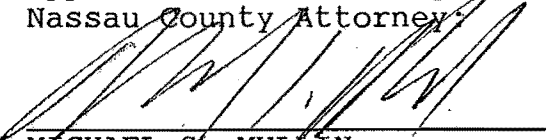
ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


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