

RESOLUTION 2002 -099

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 81
INTRODUCED IN THE 107TH CONGRESS, 1ST SESSION ON
DECEMBER 20, 2001.

WHEREAS, Washington County, Pennsylvania, has adopted
a Resolution supporting House Joint Resolution 81, which
was introduced in the 107th Congress, 1st Session on December
20, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County also supports this Resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 13th day of May,
2002, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau
County, Florida, that it supports House Joint Resolution
81, which was introduced in the 107th Congress, 1st Session
on December 20, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



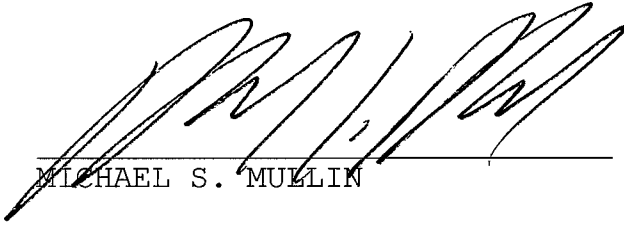
NICK D. DEONAS
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



MICHAEL S. MULLIN

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County of Washington Resolution

WHEREAS, our Country was founded on the precepts of freedom, liberty, diversity and the right of people to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience; and

WHEREAS, neither the United States nor any State shall establish any official religion, but the people's right to pray and to recognize their religious beliefs, heritage and traditions on public property, including schools, shall not be infringed; and

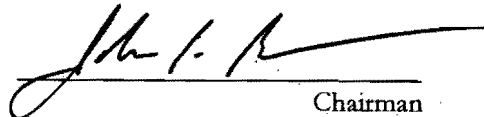
WHEREAS, the United States and the States shall not compose school prayers, nor require any person to join in prayer or other religious activity; and

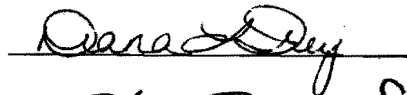
WHEREAS, the Washington County Board of Commissioners urges all cities and counties across the United States to join in an effort to reinstate prayer in the public schools by passing similar resolutions and uniting in a "grass roots" movement for that purpose; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington County Board of Commissioners strongly supports House Joint Resolution 81 introduced in the 107th Congress, 1st Session on December 20, 2001.

ADOPTED, this 17th day of January, 2002, in Washington, Pennsylvania.

Washington County Commissioners


Chairman





107th CONGRESS

1st Session

H. J. RES. 81

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**December 20, 2001**

Mr. ISTOOK (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. CRANE, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. FORBES, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. GRUCCI, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HANSEN, Ms. HART, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KERNS, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MCHUGH, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POMBO, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. RILEY, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. TERRY, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WATKINS of Oklahoma, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. WICKER) 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 restoring religious freedom.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification:

Article--

'To secure the people's right to acknowledge God according to the dictates of conscience:

'Neither the United States nor any State shall establish any official religion, but the people's right to pray and to recognize their religious beliefs, heritage, and traditions on public property, including schools, shall not be infringed.

'The United States and the States shall not compose school prayers, nor require any person to join in prayer or other religious activity.'



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JOHN P. BEVEC, CHAIRMAN
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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
100 WEST BEAU STREET, SUITE 702
WASHINGTON, PA 15301

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CHIEF CLERK/
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*Second request
Please respond*

January 28, 2002

Dear Colleague:

On Thursday, January 17, 2002, the Washington County Board of Commissioners from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania passed a resolution (copy attached) in support of House Joint Resolution 81 (copy attached) which proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring our freedom to pray.

Immediately following this public meeting on January 17, 2002, a Pittsburgh, PA television station polled their audience to monitor response to this Proclamation finding 88% of those responding in agreement. This same response was also received through telephone and news articles.

We are undertaking a nationwide grass-roots effort seek the support of the people in order to reclaim the religious freedom our nation was founded on without discrimination.

We write to you seeking your support of House Joint Resolution 81 and ask that you please pass similar resolutions in your governmental offices.

Upon passing such resolution, we ask that you forward your Congressman/Congresswoman, U. S. Senators, State Senators and House members your resolution to acknowledge your support.

As prayer and religious worship are now freely practiced in most governmental offices and on their properties in all levels of government, we seek to restore that same freedom to our public school system.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and warmly welcome your support.

Sincerely,

WASHINGTON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

John P. Bevec

John P. Bevec, Chairman

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Attachments (2)

Resolution 2002-099 sent to Mitchell, Ream, Censhaw, Nelson & Mahan 5-20-02 5-23-02-Callahan, F.B. Hilliard



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mike Mullin, County Attorney
FROM: Walt Gossett, County Coordinator
SUBJECT: Washington County's Resolution Request
DATE: April 17, 2002

Dictated but not proof read by
 Walt Gossett - Mailed in his
 absence to avoid delay.

Attached is a copy of the above referenced request. Please advise how this should be handled.

Thank you.

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The Honorable Richard Mitchell
Florida State Senate
406 10th Avenue Northwest
Jasper, FL 32052

Dear Senator Mitchell:

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Any assistance you may render in the passage of this Joint Resolution will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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The Honorable Aaron Bean
Florida State House of Representatives
1643-B East State Road 200
Yulee, FL 32097-5200

Dear Representative Bean:

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The Honorable Bob Graham
United States Senate
2252 Killearn Center Boulevard
3rd Floor
Tallahassee, FL 32308

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The Honorable Ander Crenshaw
United States House of Representatives
1061 Riverside Avenue, Suite 100
Jacksonville, FL 32204

Dear Representative Crenshaw:

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United States Senate
U.S. Courthouse Annex
111 North Adams Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

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