

By: Representative Smith (35th)

To: Rules

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND MEMORIALIZING THE TEN
2 COMMANDMENTS AS THE MORAL UNDERPINNING OF OUR STATE GOVERNMENT,
3 ITS LAW AND OUR AUTHORITY AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF
4 MISSISSIPPI.

5 WHEREAS, our founding fathers believed that no government is
6 secure that is not supported by good moral habits; and

7 WHEREAS, our founders memorialized their moral beliefs in
8 their blueprints for government including the Mississippi State
9 Constitution; and

10 WHEREAS, the Mississippi Constitution of 1890 requires each
11 member of the House and the Senate to attest to faithfully
12 discharge the duties of the office upon which they enter with the
13 help of God; and

14 WHEREAS, since that time, members of the State Legislature
15 have honored the wisdom of our forefathers by starting each
16 session with prayer; and

17 WHEREAS, we believe, as they believed, that the Ten
18 Commandments, as the most widely recognized portion of the holy
19 scriptures, serves as the basic guide of right and wrong and
20 represents both a civil and moral code that is essential to the
21 existence of man in society and essential to the success of our
22 government; and

23 WHEREAS, the Ten Commandments serve as the time tested basis
24 of all of our state and federal laws:

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE SENATE CONCURRING
27 THEREIN, That we do hereby recognize and memorialize the Ten

28 Commandments as the moral underpinning of our state government,
29 its law and our authority as representatives of the people of
30 Mississippi.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That our hope for this body and for
32 our successors is that the validity and timelessness of the Ten
33 Commandments which have served as the basis of our laws for 2,000
34 years will never be questioned.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
36 furnished to members of the Capitol Press Corps.