MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE

THIRD EXTRAORDINARY SESSION 2002

To: Rules

By: Senator(s) Smith, Jackson,
Thames, King, Kirby, Lee, Johnson
(19th), Farris, Hewes, Dearing,
Chaney, Gordon, Nunnelee,
Carmichael, Little, Ross,
Browning, Burton, Stogner, Canon,
Hyde-Smith, Harvey, Michel,
Posey, Gollott, Frazier,
Mettetal, Horhn, Dickerson,
Scoper, Moffatt, Furniss, Jordan,
Robertson, Huggins, Cuevas,
Carlton

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.

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- 2 PASSAGE OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO
- 3 PROTECT THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND OUR NATIONAL MOTTO.
- WHEREAS, a federal court has ruled that the Pledge of
- 5 Allegiance with the phrase "under God" is a violation of the First
- 6 Amendment prohibition that Congress shall make no law respecting
- 7 the establishment of religion; and
- 8 WHEREAS, there is an apparent need to protect the Pledge of
- 9 Allegiance and our National Motto, "In God We Trust" by a
- 10 constitutional amendment which will prohibit federal judges from
- 11 declaring the pledge and the motto a violation of the First
- 12 Amendment to the Constitution; and
- 13 WHEREAS, the following proposed amendment will protect our
- 14 Pledge of Allegiance and our National Motto:
- 15 Section 1. The first article of amendment to the
- 16 Constitution of the United States shall not be construed to
- 17 prohibit the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,
- 18 which shall be, "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United
- 19 States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one
- 20 Nation under God indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."
- 21 Section 2. The first article of amendment to the
- 22 Constitution of the United States shall not be construed to
- 23 prohibit the recitation nor use of the National Motto, which shall
- 24 be, "In God We Trust."
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That we do
- 26 hereby urge The United States Congress to introduce, pass and
- 27 submit to the states for ratification this proposed constitutional

- 28 amendment to protect our Pledge of Allegiance and our National
- 29 Motto.
- 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
- 31 presented to the President of the United States Senate, the
- 32 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, each member
- 33 of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and members of the
- 34 Capitol Press Corps.