

By: Representative Smith (35th)

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 9

1 A RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO INTRODUCE AND SUPPORT THE
2 PASSAGE OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO
3 PROTECT THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND OUR NATIONAL MOTTO.

4 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."

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
26 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
27 urge the United States Congress to introduce, pass and submit to



28 the states for ratification this proposed constitutional amendment
29 to protect our Pledge of Allegiance and our National 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 to the members of
34 the Capitol Press Corps.

