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To: Rules

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 538

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE
2 UNITED STATES TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO PROTECT THE PLEDGE OF
3 ALLEGIANCE AND OUR NATIONAL MOTTO.

4 WHEREAS, this nation was founded by people seeking a place
5 where they could practice their religion freely; and

6 WHEREAS, the first settlers found themselves in a strange and
7 strenuous land which required them to call upon the strength of
8 their God and to place themselves in His trust; and

9 WHEREAS, our founding fathers, in creating our national
10 Constitution, assured the freedom of choice in one's practice of
11 religion. However, our national leaders in times of stress have
12 called upon our belief and trust in a Superior Being to see this
13 nation through difficult times, and have acknowledged the
14 continuous presence of God by inscribing on our currency the
15 reassuring phrase "In God We Trust" and by including the phrase
16 "one Nation under God" in our pledge of allegiance; and

17 WHEREAS, the strength of a nation can be measured in its
18 citizens' desire for domestic tranquility and in their abiding
19 belief in a Supreme Being. Accordingly, it is urged upon the
20 Congress of the United States that this basic requirement of a
21 great nation be recognized by amending our Constitution as
22 follows:

23 Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of
24 the United States of America in Congress assembled
25 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), that
26 the following article is proposed as an amendment to
27 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.

Section 1. The first Amendment of the Constitution of the United States shall not be construed to prohibit the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which shall be, "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Section 2. The first Amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall not be construed to prohibit the recitation or use of the national motto, which shall be, "In God We Trust"; and

WHEREAS, we urge Congress to pass this Constitutional Amendment and to send it on to the individual states for their approval:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to seek a Constitutional Amendment to protect the pledge of allegiance and our national motto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to each member of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation.