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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

28 valid to all intents and purposes as part of the  
29 Constitution when ratified by the Legislatures of  
30 three-fourths of the several states within seven years  
31 after the date of its submission for ratification.

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

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

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

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

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