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HJRES 4

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the Congress to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

Congress: 108 (2003–2005, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Commemorations

Introduced: Jan 7, 2003

Current Status: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Latest Action: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (Jun 4, 2003)

Official Text: https://www.congress.gov/bill/108th-congress/house-joint-resolution/4

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Cunningham, Randy (Duke) [R-CA-50]
Party: Republican • State: CA • Chamber: House

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Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined	
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Rep. Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8]	Brady, Kevin [R-TX-8] R · TX Jar		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]	$R \cdot IN$		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Cramer, Robert E. (Bud), Jr. [D-AL-5]	D · AL		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Cubin, Barbara [R-WY-At Large]	$R \cdot WY$		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Davis, Jo Ann [R-VA-1]	$R \cdot VA$		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]	$R \cdot FL$		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Green, Gene [D-TX-29]	$D \cdot TX$		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-49]	R · CA		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Johnson, Nancy L. [R-CT-5]	R·CT		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Kanjorski, Paul E. [D-PA-11]	D · PA		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Kennedy, Mark R. [R-MN-6]	R · MN		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. King, Peter T. [R-NY-3]	$R \cdot NY$		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. McIntyre, Mike [D-NC-7]	D · NC		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Murtha, John P. [D-PA-12]	D · PA		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Ney, Robert W. [R-OH-18]	R · OH		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Peterson, Collin C. [D-MN-7]	D · MN		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Rothman, Steven R. [D-NJ-9]	D · NJ		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Sherwood, Don [R-PA-10]	R · PA		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Shimkus, John [R-IL-19]	R·IL		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]	D · OH		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Sweeney, John E. [R-NY-20]	R · NY		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Toomey, Patrick J. [R-PA-15]	R · PA		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Wamp, Zach [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1]	b. Wilson, Heather [R-NM-1] R · NM		Jan 7, 2003	
Rep. Capito, Shelley Moore [R-WV-2]	R·WV		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. Crowley, Joseph [D-NY-7]	D · NY		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. Edwards, Chet [D-TX-11]	D · TX		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. Frelinghuysen, Rodney P. [R-NJ-11]	R · NJ		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]	D · PA		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. Knollenberg, Joe [R-MI-9]	R · MI		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. Marshall, Jim [D-GA-3]	D · GA		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. McNulty, Michael R. [D-NY-21]	D · NY		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. Platts, Todd Russell [R-PA-19]	R·PA		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. Simmons, Rob [R-CT-2]	R · CT		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. Stenholm, Charles W. [D-TX-17]	D · TX		Jan 27, 2003	
Rep. Chocola, Chris [R-IN-2]	R·IN		Jan 31, 2003	
Rep. Tiahrt, Todd [R-KS-4]	R · KS		Jan 31, 2003	
Rep. Berry, Marion [D-AR-1]	D · AR		Feb 4, 2003	
Rep. Hobson, David L. [R-OH-7]	R · OH		Feb 4, 2003	
Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	R·FL		Feb 4, 2003	

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Rep. Tiberi, Patrick J. [R-OH-12]	R · OH	Noic	Feb 4, 2003
Rep. Bradley, Jeb [R-NH-1]	R · NH		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-9] D · MA			Feb 5, 2003
Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]	R · NY		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Wolf, Frank R. [R-VA-10]	R · VA		Feb 5, 2003
Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]	D · NV		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Boehlert, Sherwood [R-NY-24]	R · NY		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Green, Mark [R-WI-8]	R · WI		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Jenkins, William L. [R-TN-1]	R · TN		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Linder, John [R-GA-7]	R · GA		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Ryun, Jim [R-KS-2]	R · KS		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Sanchez, Loretta [D-CA-47]	D · CA		Feb 11, 2003
Rep. Burr, Richard [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	R · SC		Feb 13, 2003
Rep. Barrett, J. Gresham [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Feb 25, 2003
Rep. Burton, Dan [R-IN-5]	R · IN		Feb 25, 2003
Rep. Everett, Terry [R-AL-2]	R · AL		Feb 25, 2003
Rep. Andrews, Robert E. [D-NJ-1]	D · NJ		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Baca, Joe [D-CA-43]	D · CA		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Gibbons, Jim [R-NV-2]	R · NV		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]	D · ME		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Rogers, Harold [R-KY-5]	R · KY		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Terry, Lee [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Mar 4, 2003
Rep. Cardoza, Dennis A. [D-CA-18]	D · CA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. John, Christopher [D-LA-7]	D · LA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Ryan, Paul [R-WI-1]	R · WI		Mar 6, 2003
Rep. Akin, W. Todd [R-MO-2]	R · MO		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Beauprez, Bob [R-CO-7]	R · CO		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Blunt, Roy [R-MO-7]	R · MO		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Boswell, Leonard L. [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Culberson, John Abney [R-TX-7]	R·TX		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Janklow, William J. [R-SD-At Large]	R·SD		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Jones, Walter B., Jr. [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Lucas, Frank D. [R-OK-3]	R · OK		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Schrock, Edward L. [R-VA-2]	R·VA		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Skelton, Ike [D-MO-4]	D · MO		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Sullivan, John [R-OK-1]	R · OK		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Tancredo, Thomas G. [R-CO-6]	R · CO		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Vitter, David [R-LA-1]	R·LA		Mar 10, 2003
Rep. Alexander, Rodney [D-LA-5]	D·LA		Mar 13, 2003
Rep. Bass, Charles F. [R-NH-2]	R · NH		Mar 13, 2003

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Rep. Bonner, Jo [R-AL-1]	R · AL	Kole	Mar 13, 2003
Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4] R · VA		Mar 13, 2003	
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Mar 13, 2003
Rep. Hayes, Robin [R-NC-8]	R · NC		Mar 13, 2003
Rep. Otter, C. L. (Butch) [R-ID-1]	R · ID		Mar 13, 2003
Rep. Pombo, Richard W. [R-CA-11]	R · CA		Mar 13, 2003
Rep. Tauzin, W. J. (Billy) [R-LA-3]	R·LA		Mar 13, 2003
Rep. Cannon, Chris [R-UT-3]	R · UT		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Johnson, Sam [R-TX-3]	R·TX		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	R · NM		Mar 17, 2003
Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]	R·IA		Mar 19, 2003
Rep. Porter, Jon C. [R-NV-3]	$R \cdot NV$		Mar 19, 2003
Rep. Renzi, Rick [R-AZ-1]	$R \cdot AZ$		Mar 19, 2003
Rep. Murphy, Tim [R-PA-18]	$R \cdot PA$		Mar 20, 2003
Rep. Hefley, Joel [R-CO-5]	R · CO		Mar 24, 2003
Rep. Hostettler, John N. [R-IN-8]	$R \cdot IN$		Mar 24, 2003
Rep. Kelly, Sue W. [R-NY-19]	$R \cdot NY$		Mar 24, 2003
Rep. Quinn, Jack [R-NY-27]	$R \cdot NY$		Mar 24, 2003
Rep. Boyd, Allen [D-FL-2]	D·FL		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. McCarthy, Carolyn [D-NY-4]	D · NY		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Musgrave, Marilyn N. [R-CO-4]	$R \cdot CO$		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Northup, Anne M. [R-KY-3]	$R \cdot KY$		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Simpson, Michael K. [R-ID-2]	$R \cdot ID$		Mar 25, 2003
Rep. Gerlach, Jim [R-PA-6]	$R \cdot PA$		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Goode, Virgil H., Jr. [R-VA-5]	$R \cdot VA$		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Hayworth, J. D. [R-AZ-5]	$R \cdot AZ$		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Oxley, Michael G. [R-OH-4]	$R \cdot OH$		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Pallone, Frank, Jr. [D-NJ-6]	D · NJ		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	$R \cdot FL$		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Rehberg, Dennis R. [R-MT-At Large]	$R \cdot MT$		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Walsh, James T. [R-NY-25]	$R \cdot NY$		Mar 27, 2003
Rep. Baker, Richard H. [R-LA-6]	$R \cdot LA$		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	R · OK		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Davis, Lincoln [D-TN-4]	D · TN		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Langevin, James R. [D-RI-2]	D · RI		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS-1]	$R \cdot MS$		Apr 3, 2003
Rep. Taylor, Charles H. [R-NC-11]	$R \cdot NC$		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Young, C. W. Bill [R-FL-10]	R·FL		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R·AK		Apr 7, 2003
Rep. Lucas, Ken [D-KY-4]	D · KY		Apr 9, 2003
Rep. Bartlett, Roscoe G. [R-MD-6]	$R \cdot MD$		Apr 29, 2003

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Rep. Carson, Brad [D-OK-2]	D · OK	Kole	Apr 29, 2003
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Rep. Mollohan, Alan B. [D-WV-1]			Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	D · GA		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Upton, Fred [R-MI-6]	R · MI		Apr 29, 2003
Rep. Costello, Jerry F. [D-IL-12]	D · IL		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Lewis, Ron [R-KY-2]	R·KY		Apr 30, 2003
Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		May 1, 2003
Rep. Hart, Melissa A. [R-PA-4]	R · PA		May 1, 2003
Rep. Hulshof, Kenny C. [R-MO-9]	R · MO		May 5, 2003
Rep. Ramstad, Jim [R-MN-3]	R · MN		May 6, 2003
Rep. Herger, Wally [R-CA-2]	R · CA		May 7, 2003
Rep. Napolitano, Grace F. [D-CA-38]	D · CA		May 7, 2003
Rep. Rodriguez, Ciro D. [D-TX-28]	D · TX		May 7, 2003
Rep. Bachus, Spencer [R-AL-6]	R·AL		May 9, 2003
Rep. Bonilla, Henry [R-TX-23]	$R \cdot TX$		May 9, 2003
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		May 9, 2003
Rep. Davis, Tom [R-VA-11]	$R \cdot VA$		May 9, 2003
Rep. Gutknecht, Gil [R-MN-1]	$R \cdot MN$		May 9, 2003
Rep. Houghton, Amo [R-NY-29]	$R \cdot NY$		May 9, 2003
Rep. LoBiondo, Frank A. [R-NJ-2]	$R \cdot NJ$		May 9, 2003
Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	D · WA		May 9, 2003
Rep. Stearns, Cliff [R-FL-6]	$R \cdot FL$		May 9, 2003
Rep. Barton, Joe [R-TX-6]	$R \cdot TX$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Bereuter, Doug [R-NE-1]	$R \cdot NE$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Boehner, John A. [R-OH-8]	R · OH		May 14, 2003
Rep. Cantor, Eric [R-VA-7]	$R \cdot VA$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Coble, Howard [R-NC-6]	$R \cdot NC$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Collins, Mac [R-GA-8]	R · GA		May 14, 2003
Rep. Crane, Philip M. [R-IL-8]	$R \cdot IL$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Doolittle, John T. [R-CA-4]	$R \cdot CA$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Hunter, Duncan [R-CA-52]	$R \cdot CA$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Hyde, Henry J. [R-IL-6]	$R \cdot IL$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA-6]	R · GA		May 14, 2003
Rep. Johnson, Timothy V. [R-IL-15]	$R \cdot IL$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	D · OH		May 14, 2003
Rep. LaHood, Ray [R-IL-18]	$R \cdot IL$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Menendez, Robert [D-NJ-13]	D · NJ		May 14, 2003
Rep. Norwood, Charles W. [R-GA-9]	R · GA		May 14, 2003
Rep. Pickering, Charles W. "Chip" [R-MS-3]	$R \cdot MS$		May 14, 2003
Rep. Rahall, Nick J., II [D-WV-3]	D · WV		May 14, 2003
Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]	D · TX		May 14, 2003
Rep. Reynolds, Thomas M. [R-NY-26]	$R \cdot NY$		May 14, 2003

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Rep. Sandlin, Max [D-TX-1]	D · TX		May 14, 2003
Rep. Saxton, Jim [R-NJ-3]	R · NJ		May 14, 2003
Rep. Stupak, Bart [D-MI-1]	D · MI		May 14, 2003
Rep. Turner, Jim [D-TX-2]	D · TX		May 14, 2003
Rep. Walden, Greg [R-OR-2]	R · OR		May 14, 2003
Rep. Blackburn, Marsha [R-TN-7]	R·TN		May 15, 2003
Rep. Bono, Mary [R-CA-45]	R · CA		May 15, 2003
Rep. Davis, Jim [D-FL-11]	D · FL		May 15, 2003
Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-14]	D · PA		May 15, 2003
Rep. Emerson, Jo Ann [R-MO-8]	R · MO		May 15, 2003
Rep. Ferguson, Mike [R-NJ-7]	R · NJ		May 15, 2003
Rep. Garrett, Scott [R-NJ-5]	R · NJ		May 15, 2003
Rep. Goodlatte, Bob [R-VA-6]	R·VA		May 15, 2003
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	$R \cdot MO$		May 15, 2003
Rep. Istook, Ernest J., Jr. [R-OK-5]	R · OK		May 15, 2003
Rep. Latham, Tom [R-IA-4]	$R \cdot IA$		May 15, 2003
Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	$R \cdot PA$		May 15, 2003
Rep. Portman, Rob [R-OH-2]	$R \cdot OH$		May 15, 2003
Rep. Rogers, Mike J. [R-MI-8]	$R \cdot MI$		May 15, 2003
Rep. Royce, Edward R. [R-CA-40]	$R \cdot CA$		May 15, 2003
Rep. Souder, Mark E. [R-IN-3]	$R \cdot IN$		May 15, 2003
Rep. Feeney, Tom [R-FL-24]	$R \cdot FL$		May 19, 2003
Rep. Frost, Martin [D-TX-24]	$D \cdot TX$		May 19, 2003
Rep. Lampson, Nick [D-TX-9]	$D \cdot TX$		May 19, 2003
Rep. Osborne, Tom [R-NE-3]	$R \cdot NE$		May 19, 2003
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	$R \cdot TX$		May 21, 2003
Rep. Hensarling, Jeb [R-TX-5]	$R \cdot TX$		May 21, 2003
Rep. McCrery, Jim [R-LA-4]	$R \cdot LA$		May 21, 2003
Rep. Sessions, Pete [R-TX-32]	$R \cdot TX$		May 21, 2003
Rep. Taylor, Gene [D-MS-4]	D·MS		May 21, 2003
Rep. Weldon, Dave [R-FL-15]	$R \cdot FL$		May 21, 2003
Rep. Hastings, Doc [R-WA-4]	$R \cdot WA$		May 22, 2003
Rep. Pomeroy, Earl [D-ND-At Large]	D · ND		May 22, 2003
Rep. Aderholt, Robert B. [R-AL-4]	$R \cdot AL$		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. Brown, Henry E., Jr. [R-SC-1]	$R \cdot SC$		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. Burgess, Michael C. [R-TX-26]	$R \cdot TX$		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. Carter, John R. [R-TX-31]	$R \cdot TX$		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. English, Phil [R-PA-3]	$R \cdot PA$		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. Fossella, Vito [R-NY-13]	$R \cdot NY$		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. Manzullo, Donald A. [R-IL-16]	R·IL		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]	D · MA		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. Miller, Gary G. [R-CA-42]	R · CA		Jun 2, 2003
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Rep. Nussle, Jim [R-IA-1]	$R \cdot IA$		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. Shuster, Bill [R-PA-9]	$R \cdot PA$		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. Smith, Lamar [R-TX-21]	$R \cdot TX$		Jun 2, 2003
Rep. Weller, Jerry [R-IL-11]	$R \cdot IL$		Jun 2, 2003

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Reported by	May 7, 2003
Judiciary Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 4, 2003

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Commemorations

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
108 SJRES 4	Identical bill	Aug 25, 2004: By Senator Hatch from Committee on the Judiciary filed written report under authority of the order of the Senate of 07/22/04. Report No. 108-334. Minority and Supplemental views filed.
108 HRES 255	Procedurally related	Jun 3, 2003: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

Summary (as of Jun 3, 2003)

(This measure has not been amended since it was introduced on January 7, 2003. The summary of that version is repeated here.)

Constitutional Amendment - Grants Congress power to prohibit the physical desecration of the U.S. flag.

Actions Timeline

- Jun 4, 2003: Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
- Jun 3, 2003: Rule H. Res. 255 passed House.
- Jun 3, 2003: Considered under the provisions of rule H. Res. 255. (consideration: CR H4817-4843)
- Jun 3, 2003: Rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 4 with 2 hours of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. A specified amendment is in order.
- Jun 3, 2003: DEBATE The House proceeded with two hours of debate on H.J. Res. 4.
- Jun 3, 2003: DEBATE Pursuant to H. Res. 255 the House proceeded with one hour of debate on the Watt of North Carolina substitute amendment.
- Jun 3, 2003: Passed/agreed to in House: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 300 125 (Roll no. 234).(text: CR H4817)
- Jun 3, 2003: On passage Passed by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 300 125 (Roll no. 234). (text: CR H4817)
- Jun 3, 2003: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Jun 2, 2003: Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 108-131.
- Jun 2, 2003: Reported by the Committee on Judiciary. H. Rept. 108-131.
- Jun 2, 2003: Placed on the House Calendar, Calendar No. 51.
- Jun 2, 2003: Rules Committee Resolution H. Res. 255 Reported to House. Rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 4 with 2 hours of general debate. Previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without instructions. Measure will be considered read. A specified amendment is in order.
- May 21, 2003: Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- May 21, 2003: Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 18 13.
- May 7, 2003: Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- May 7, 2003: Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- May 7, 2003: Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote.
- Mar 6, 2003: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- Jan 7, 2003: Introduced in House
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- Jan 7, 2003: Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E13)
- Jan 7, 2003: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.