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HJRES 57

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States protecting religious freedom.

Congress: 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

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Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.

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Rep. Forbes, J. Randy [R-VA-4]	R · VA	Koic	Jun 30, 2005
Rep. Foxx, Virginia [R-NC-5]	R · NC		Jun 30, 2005
Rep. Franks, Trent [R-AZ-2]	R · AZ		Jun 30, 2005
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Rep. Hunter, Duncan [R-CA-52]	R · CA		Jun 30, 2005
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Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-5]	R·IA		Jun 30, 2005
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Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]	$R \cdot FL$		Jun 30, 2005
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Rep. Myrick, Sue Wilkins [R-NC-9]	$R \cdot NC$		Jun 30, 2005
Rep. Neugebauer, Randy [R-TX-19]	$R \cdot TX$		Jun 30, 2005
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Rep. Pearce, Stevan [R-NM-2]	$R \cdot NM$		Jun 30, 2005
Rep. Pence, Mike [R-IN-6]	$R \cdot IN$		Jun 30, 2005
Rep. Peterson, John E. [R-PA-5]	R · PA		Jun 30, 2005
Rep. Pitts, Joseph R. [R-PA-16]	R · PA		Jun 30, 2005

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Rep. Whitfield, Ed [R-KY-1]	$R \cdot KY$		Jun 30, 2005
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Rep. Gordon, Bart [D-TN-6]	D · TN		Sep 7, 2005
Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	$R \cdot MO$		Sep 15, 2005
Rep. Granger, Kay [R-TX-12]	$R \cdot TX$		Sep 21, 2005
Rep. Sodrel, Michael E. [R-IN-9]	R·IN		Sep 22, 2005
Rep. Drake, Thelma D. [R-VA-2]	R · VA		Oct 7, 2005
Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	R·FL		Mar 8, 2006

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Judiciary Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 23, 2005

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Civil Rights and Liberties, Minority Issues

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 30, 2005)

Constitutional Amendment - Declares that people retain the right to pray and to recognize their religious beliefs, heritage, and traditions on public property, including schools.

Prohibits the United States or the states from establishing any official religion or requiring any person to join in prayer or religious activity.

Actions Timeline

- Aug 23, 2005: Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution.
- Jun 30, 2005: Introduced in House
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- Jun 30, 2005: Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.