

By Messrs. Langone of Boston and Iannello of Boston, petition of Joseph A. Langone, 3rd, and Charles Iannello for adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing Congress to enact legislation presenting to the states a proposed constitutional amendment permitting the recital of voluntary prayers in public schools. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION PRESENTING TO THE STATES A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING THE RECITAL OF VOLUNTARY PRAYERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

1 *Whereas*, In the recent case of Engle against Vitale, the
2 supreme court of the United States declared the use of a volun-
3 tary prayer as prepared by the board of regents of the state of
4 New York to be unconstitutional; and

5 *Whereas*, It is the will and desire of this vast majority to
6 recognize the existence of God and our dependence on Him; and

7 *Whereas*, It is their belief that there is a great need to instill
8 in the hearts and minds of our youth proper respect and rever-
9 ence to the Supreme Being; and

10 *Whereas*, The recital of voluntary prayers in our public
11 schools will accomplish that purpose and will help maintain
12 traditions cherished by so many of our citizens; therefore be it

13 *Resolved*, That the general court of Massachusetts respect-
14 fully urges the Congress of the United States to enact legisla-
15 tion presenting to the states a proposed constitutional amend-
16 ment permitting the recital of voluntary prayers in our public
17 schools; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted
19 forthwith by the secretary of the commonwealth to the Presi-
20 dent of the United States, the presiding officer of each branch of
21 congress and to the members thereof from this commonwealth.

The Commission on Government

Report of the Commission on Government

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