
By Mr. Locke, a petition of David H. Locke and Gilbert W. Cox, Jr., for the adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation presenting to the states a proposed constitutional amendment permitting the recital of a non-sectarian prayer in the public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION PRESENTING TO THE STATES A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PERMITTING THE RECITAL OF A NON-SECTARIAN PRAYER IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Whereas, In the recent case of Engle against Vitale, the Supreme Court of the United States declared the use of a voluntary prayer as prepared by the board of regents of the state of New York to be unconstitutional; and

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

Whereas, It is their belief that there is a great need to instill in the hearts and minds of our youth proper respect and reverence to the Supreme Being; and

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

Resolved, That the general court of Massachusetts respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation presenting to the States a proposed constitutional amendment permitting the recital of a non-sectarian prayer in our public schools; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted forthwith by the secretary of the commonwealth to the President of the United States, the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to the members thereof from this commonwealth.

By the Senate, I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Senate, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Senate, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of the Senate.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE, IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE, APRIL 18, 1850, RELATIVE TO THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

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