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Expressing respect and affection for the flag of the United States.

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Mr. SKAGGS (for himself and Mr. KOLBE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing respect and affection for the flag of the United States.

Whereas freedom and liberty protected by the Constitution are fundamental and precious rights of each American;

Whereas the flag of the United States is an historic and revered symbol of that freedom and liberty;

Whereas generations of Americans have fought with valor under the flag to protect the sacred values it represents;

Whereas all the people of the United States, and their representatives in Congress, should show respect and affection for the flag;

Whereas the flag has been a source of inspiration for freedom-seeking people around the world;

Whereas deeply held respect and affection for the flag have caused many to propose an amendment to the Constitution to protect the flag from desecration; and

Whereas an amendment to the Constitution, expanding the powers of government to prohibit offensive behavior, would entail a limitation on freedoms previously protected under the First Amendment: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress of the United States ex-
 3 presses deep respect and affection for the flag of the Unit-
 4 ed States, and states its abiding trust in the freedom and
 5 liberty which the flag symbolizes.

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