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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Received and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of Congress regarding the display of the Ten Commandments by Judge Roy S. Moore, a judge on the circuit court of the State of Alabama.

Whereas Judge Roy S. Moore, a lifelong resident of Etowah County, Alabama, graduate of the United States Military Academy with distinguished service to his country in Vietnam, and graduate of the University of Alabama School of Law, has served his country and his community with uncommon distinction;

Whereas another circuit judge in Alabama, has ordered Judge Moore to remove a copy of the Ten Commandments posted in his courtroom and the Alabama Supreme Court has granted a stay to review the matter;

Whereas the Ten Commandments have had a significant impact on the development of the fundamental legal principles of Western Civilization; and

Whereas the Ten Commandments set forth a code of moral conduct, observance of which is universally acknowledged to promote respect for our system of laws and the good of society: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of Congress that—

3 (1) the Ten Commandments are a declaration
4 of fundamental principles that are the cornerstones
5 of a fair and just society; and

6 (2) the public display, including display in gov-
7 ernment offices and courthouses, of the Ten Com-
8 mandments should be permitted.

Passed the House of Representatives March 5,
1997.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.