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# H. J. RES. 82

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States authorizing the States to prohibit the physical destruction of the flag of the United States and authorizing Congress to prohibit destruction of federally owned flags.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 12, 1997

Mr. PAUL introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*  
3   *thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the follow-  
4   ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-  
5   tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents  
6   and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by  
7   the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-

1 in seven years after the date of its submission for ratifica-  
2 tion:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The States shall have power to prohibit  
5 the physical destruction of the flag of the United States  
6 and Congress shall have the power to prohibit destruction  
7 of federally owned flags.”.

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