H. J. RES. 52

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to school prayer.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

May 6, 1999

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

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
- 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the fol-
- 4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-
- 5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all
- 6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
- 7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
- 8 States within seven years after the date of its submission
- 9 for ratification:

1 "Article—

2 "Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to 3 prohibit individual prayer in public schools or to prohibit 4 public school officials from including voluntary prayer in 5 official school ceremonies and meetings. Neither the 6 United States nor any State shall prescribe the content 7 of any such prayer.".

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