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H. RES. 466

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools is constitutional, that the Congress deplores the decision of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and that the House of Representatives encourages every American to start their day by reciting the Pledge.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 26, 2002

Mr. ISRAEL (for himself and Mr. SHOWS) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools is constitutional, that the Congress deplores the decision of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and that the House of Representatives encourages every American to start their day by reciting the Pledge.

Whereas the original Pledge of Allegiance was written by Francis Bellamy in 1892;

Whereas the Congress of the United States officially endorsed the Pledge of Allegiance in 1942;

Whereas in 1954 Congress officially added the words “Under God” to the Pledge;

Whereas the Supreme Court ruled in 1943 that school-children could not be forced to recite the pledge;

Whereas the House of Representatives begins each of its days by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance;

Whereas millions of Americans have been reciting the current Pledge without significant controversy for 48 years;

Whereas the 9th United States Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional on June 26, 2002;

Whereas the United States is currently engaged in military combat in the War on Terrorism;

Whereas the decision of the 9th United States Circuit Court of Appeals could provide aid and comfort to enemies of the United States of America; and

Whereas our nation is one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives*, That it is

2 the sense of the House of Representatives that—

3 (1) reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools
4 and other public places is constitutional;

5 (2) the decision of the 9th United States Cir-
6 cuit Court of Appeals is wrong, erroneous, deplor-
7 able, and should be overturned by the United States
8 Supreme Court; and

9 (3) Americans of every age should be encour-
10 aged to begin their day by reciting the following
11 Pledge: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United
12 States of America and to the Republic for which it

- 1 stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with lib-
- 2 erty and justice for all.

