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# H. J. RES. 40

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to guarantee the right to use and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the national motto.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2003

Mr. PICKERING (for himself, Mr. TURNER of Texas, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. PITTS, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. WAMP, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BALLENGER, and Mr. BARTON of Texas) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to guarantee the right to use and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the national motto.

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 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

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The first article of amendment to the  
5 Constitution of the United States shall not be construed  
6 to prohibit the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to  
7 the Flag, which shall be, ‘I pledge allegiance to the Flag  
8 of the United States of America, and to the Republic for  
9 which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with  
10 liberty and justice for all.’.

11 “SECTION 2. The first article of amendment to the  
12 Constitution of the United States shall not be construed  
13 to prohibit the recitation or use of the national motto,  
14 which shall be, ‘In God we trust’.”.

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