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H. R. 5255

To prohibit a school from receiving Federal funds if the school prevents a student from displaying or wearing in a respectful manner a representation of the flag of the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 2, 2006

Mr. JONES of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “American Flag Display
5 Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The most important symbol of any Nation
2 is the national flag.

3 (2) Since ancient times, flags or banners have
4 served to identify and unify groups of people, espe-
5 cially in times of war.

6 (3) On June 14, 1777, the Continental Con-
7 gress passed the following resolution: “Resolved,
8 that the flag of the thirteen United States be thir-
9 teen stripes alternate red and white; that the union
10 be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing
11 a new constellation.”.

12 (4) Today, the American flag has 13 horizontal
13 stripes, 7 red and 6 white. These stripes represent
14 the 13 original States. The flag still has its field of
15 blue, which represents the Union and today contains
16 50 stars, one for each State.

17 (5) The United States Code specifies a Pledge of
18 Allegiance to the Flag, and states that the flag
19 should be displayed on all days.

20 (6) President Theodore Roosevelt said, “There
21 can be no divided allegiance here. Any man who says
22 he is an American, but something else also, isn’t an
23 American at all. We have room for but one flag, the
24 American flag.”

1 (7) Certain public school officials have at-
2 tempted to ban students' display of the flag of the
3 United States.

4 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

5 No funds from any Federal source may be provided
6 by contract or by grant to an elementary school, secondary
7 school, or institution of higher education (including any
8 subelement of such school or institution) if the school or
9 institution (or subelement) has a policy or practice (re-
10 gardless of when implemented) that either prohibits, or
11 in effect prevents, the right of a student to display or
12 wear, in a respectful manner, a representation of the flag
13 of the United States in a manner that is at least equal
14 in quality and scope to the right of a student to display
15 or wear, in a respectful manner, any other representation.

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