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H. R. 1425

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 2015

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. OLSON, and Mr. LAMBORN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Preserve and Protect
5 God in Military Oaths Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO CER-**
2 **TAIN MILITARY AND CIVIL SERVICE OATHS.**

3 (a) OATH FOR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—

4 (1) REGULAR COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.—Sec-
5 tion 532 of title 10, United States Code, is amended
6 by inserting after subsection (d) the following new
7 subsection:

8 “(e) The text of the oath required for an original ap-
9 pointment as a commissioned officer in the Regular Army,
10 Regular Navy, Regular Air Force, or Regular Marine
11 Corps may not be changed except by Act of Congress.”.

12 (2) REGULAR WARRANT OFFICERS.—Section
13 571 of such title is amended by adding at the end
14 the following new subsection:

15 “(d) The text of the oath required for an original ap-
16 pointment as a regular warrant officer may not be
17 changed except by Act of Congress.”.

18 (3) RESERVE OFFICERS.—Section 12201(a) of
19 such title is amended by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing new paragraph:

21 “(3) The text of the oath required by paragraph (1)
22 may not be changed except by Act of Congress.”.

23 (b) ENLISTMENT OATH.—

24 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 502 of title 10,
25 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
26 end the following new subsection:

1 “(c) TEXT OF OATH.—The text of the oath required
2 by this section may not be changed except by Act of Con-
3 gress.”.

4 (2) NATIONAL GUARD.—Section 304 of title 32,
5 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
6 end the following new sentence: “The text of the
7 oath required by this section may not be changed ex-
8 cept by Act of Congress.”.

9 (c) MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY OATHS.—

10 (1) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Sec-
11 tion 4346(d) of title 10, United States Code, is
12 amended by adding at the end the following new
13 sentence: “The text of the oath required by this sub-
14 section, and the text of any honor oath required of
15 a cadet, may not be changed except by Act of Con-
16 gress.”.

17 (2) UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY.—Section
18 6958(d) of such title is amended by adding at the
19 end the following new sentence: “The Secretary may
20 not change the text of the oath required by this sub-
21 section, and the text of any honor oath required of
22 a midshipman, without specific authorization in an
23 Act of Congress.”.

24 (3) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—
25 Section 9346(d) of such title is amended by adding

1 at the end the following new sentence: “The Sec-
2 retary may not change the text of the oath required
3 by this subsection, and the text of any honor oath
4 required of a cadet, without specific authorization in
5 an Act of Congress.”.

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