

104<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. J. RES. 16

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

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. EMERSON (for himself and Mr. HANSEN) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## **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 hereby proposed as an amendment to the*  
5 *Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to*  
6 *all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution if rati-*  
7 *fied by the legislatures of at least three-fourths of the sev-*

1 eral States within seven years from the date of its proposal  
2 to the States by the Congress:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to  
5 prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or  
6 other public institutions. No person shall be required by  
7 the United States or by any State to participate in prayer.  
8 Neither the United States nor any State shall prescribe  
9 the content of any such prayer.”

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