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H. J. RES. 184

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to further protect religious freedom, including the right of students in public schools to pray without government sponsorship or compulsion, by clarifying the proper construction of any prohibition on laws respecting an establishment of religion.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 16, 1996

Mr. ARMEY introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 (two-*
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein), That the follow-*
4 ing article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitu-
5 tion of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents
6 and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified by

1 the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States with-
2 in seven years after the date of its submission for ratifica-
3 tion:

4 “ARTICLE —

5 “In order to secure the right of the people to acknowl-
6 edge and serve God according to the dictates of conscience,
7 neither the United States nor any State shall deny any
8 person equal access to a benefit, or otherwise discriminate
9 against any person, on account of religious belief, expres-
10 sion, or exercise. This amendment does not authorize gov-
11 ernment to coerce or inhibit religious belief, expression,
12 or exercise.”.

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