
ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION

Relating to: requesting appropriate action by the Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibiting the physical desecration of the flag of the United States.

Whereas, although the right of free expression is part of the foundation of the U.S. Constitution, very carefully drawn limits on expression in specific instances have long been recognized as legitimate means of maintaining public safety and decency, as well as orderliness and the productive value of public debate; and

Whereas, certain actions, although arguably related to one person's free expression, nevertheless raise issues concerning public decency, public peace, and the rights of expression and the sacred values of others; and

Whereas, there are symbols of our national soul; such as the Washington monument, the United States capitol building, and memorials to our greatest leaders; which are the property of every American and are therefore worthy of protection from desecration and dishonor; and

Whereas, the American flag to this day is a most honorable and worthy banner of a nation that is thankful for its strengths and committed to curing its faults, and it remains the destination of millions of immigrants attracted by the universal power of the American ideal; and

Whereas, the law as interpreted by the United States Supreme Court no longer accords to the Stars and Stripes that reverence, respect and dignity befitting the banner of that most noble experiment of a nation-state; and

Whereas, it is only fitting that people everywhere should lend their voices to a forceful call for restoration to the Stars and Stripes of a proper station under law and decency; now, therefore, be it

Senator Brian D. Rude
President of the Senate

Representative Scott R. Jensen
Speaker of the Assembly

Date

Charles R. Sanders
Assembly Chief Clerk