

House Resolution 1288

By: Representatives Smith of the 169th, Mosley of the 171st, Byrd of the 170th, Boggs of the 168th, Tillman of the 173rd and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Urging support for the national motto of the United States; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the national motto of the United States, "In God We Trust," was adopted in
3 1956 and is codified at 36 U.S.C. Section 302; and
- 4 WHEREAS, the national motto reflects the traditional sentiment that Americans are a
5 religious people whose institutions presuppose a supreme being; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the sentiment, "In God We Trust," is deeply interwoven into the fabric of this
7 nation's civil polity; and
- 8 WHEREAS, the content of the national motto is as old as the republic itself and has always
9 been an integral part of the First Amendment as the very words of that charter of religious
10 liberty; and
- 11 WHEREAS, the Founding Fathers devoted belief that there was a God and that the
12 inalienable rights of man were rooted in Him is clearly evident in their writings, from the
13 Mayflower Compact to the Constitution; and
- 14 WHEREAS, America's national life reflects a religious people who earnestly pray that the
15 Supreme Lawgiver guide them in every measure that be worthy of His blessing; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the national motto appears on all coins and paper currency issued by the United
17 States government; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the words, "In God We Trust," are over the entrance to the Supreme Court
19 chamber and are prominently engraved in the wall above the Speaker's dais in the chamber
20 of the United States House of Representatives; and

1 WHEREAS, the national motto serves the secular purposes of fostering patriotism,
2 expressing confidence in the future, inculcating hope, instructing in humility, encouraging
3 the recognition of what is worthy of appreciation in society, and acknowledging the historical
4 role of faith in the nation's civil polity; and

5 WHEREAS, on July 24, 2000, the United States House of Representatives, by unanimous
6 consent, resolved to encourage the display of the national motto in public buildings
7 throughout the nation.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
9 this body pledges its support for the national motto of the United States, adopts the sentiment
10 of the national motto, and urges, supports, and encourages the public display of the national
11 motto in all public buildings and public schools in Georgia.