

House Resolution 1414

By: Representatives Snelling of the 99<sup>th</sup> and Murphy of the 18<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing support for a new proposed school prayer amendment to the Constitution of the  
2 United States; and for other purposes.

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4 WHEREAS, a significant number of United States citizens believe that students should have  
5 the same right to engage in organized public prayer that is currently enjoyed by the Congress,  
6 judiciary, and armed forces of the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, members of the Congress of the United States have previously attempted to pass  
8 a resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to allow  
9 organized prayer on public property, including schools; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1997, a seven-member majority of the Georgia congressional delegation  
11 cosponsored H. J. Res. 78, the so-called School Prayer Amendment; and

12 WHEREAS, there is a new proposed School Prayer Amendment to be introduced in the  
13 current Congress of the United States which reads:

14 "To secure the people's right to acknowledge God according the dictates of conscience:  
15 - Neither the United States nor any State shall establish an official religion, but the  
16 people's right to pray and to recognize their religious beliefs, heritage, and traditions on  
17 public property, including schools, shall not be infringed;  
18 - The United States and the States shall not compose school prayers, nor require any  
19 person to join in prayer or other religious activity."

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
21 the members of this body express their support for such new School Prayer Amendment and  
22 urge each member of Georgia's congressional delegation to vote for such amendment.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of Georgia's  
3 congressional delegation.