

House Resolution 27

By: Representatives Mosley of the 129th, Post 1, Smith of the 129th, Post 2, Porter of the 119th, Royal of the 140th, Boggs of the 145th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States of America to reaffirm the history of this nation as
2 a Judeo-Christian nation; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the words of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag appear in 4 U.S.C.A. Section
4 4: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for
5 which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all"; and

6 WHEREAS, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has recently issued an opinion holding that
7 use of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag in public schools is an unconstitutional
8 infringement upon freedom of religion because of the words "under God"; and

9 WHEREAS, Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 20-2-310 provides that "Each
10 student in the public schools of this state shall be afforded the opportunity to recite the
11 Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America during each school day...";
12 and

13 WHEREAS, history records in the words of the founders of our republic their faith and their
14 expectation that religion would be a part of American life; and

15 WHEREAS, President George Washington said, "Reason and experience both forbid us to
16 expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle"; and

17 WHEREAS, President John Adams wrote, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and
18 religious people.... Statesmen may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is religion and
19 morality alone, which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand";
20 and

1 WHEREAS, President James Madison said, "We have staked the whole future of American
2 civilization, not on the power of government...[but] upon the capacity of each and every one
3 of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 GEORGIA that the members of this body urge the Congress of the United States of America
6 to reaffirm the history of this nation as a Judeo-Christian nation and refuse to remove the
7 words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to each member of the Georgia
10 delegation to the Congress of the United States of America.