

House Resolution 1255

By: Representatives Hembree of the 46th and Maxwell of the 27th

A RESOLUTION

1 Encouraging local boards of education to offer to the students of the state's public high
2 schools as an elective course "The Bible in Literature and History" textbook curriculum from
3 the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the Bible played a very important role in the beginning of our nation and in the
5 lives of its founders; and

6 WHEREAS, to offer "The Bible in Literature and History" textbook curriculum as an
7 elective course to the students of the public high schools of this state would be an important
8 and beneficial addition to the high school curriculum; and

9 WHEREAS, the curriculum for the program offered by the National Council on Bible
10 Curriculum in Public Schools shows a concern to convey the content of the Bible as
11 compared to history, literature, and geography; and

12 WHEREAS, the central approach is to educate regarding the Bible's role as a historical
13 document of society, without indoctrination; and

14 WHEREAS, when taught in this manner, the course has the approval of the U.S. Secretary
15 of Education and is altogether appropriate in a comprehensive program of secular education
16 and does not violate the U.S. Constitution.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 this body encourages each local board of education of this state's school systems to offer as
19 an elective high school course "The Bible in Literature and History" textbook curriculum
20 from the National Council on Bible Curriculum in Public Schools.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Education
- 3 and the State School Superintendent.