

House Resolution 904

By: Representative Smith of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

1 Supporting and commending the public display of the Ten Commandments; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the basis of all law is morality; and

4 WHEREAS, the Ten Commandments are the basis of the law of every government in the
5 history of Western civilization and specifically that of the United States of America; and

6 WHEREAS, President James Madison declared, "We have staked the whole future of
7 American civilization, not upon the power of government, far from it. We have staked the
8 future of all our political institutions upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern
9 ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the "Ten Commandments of God"; and

10 WHEREAS, President John Adams declared, "The highest glory of the American Revolution
11 is this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the
12 principles of Christianity"; and

13 WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees to our
14 citizens the right to freedom of religious expression and expressly forbids the federal
15 government from prohibiting the same; and

16 WHEREAS, while the Constitution of the United States provides that "Congress shall make
17 no laws respecting the establishment of a religion," it absolutely does not prohibit the
18 recognition of Almighty God and His moral precepts expressed in the Ten Commandments
19 in our institutions of government, our legislatures, our courts, our schools, or other public
20 places.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 this body hereby supports and commends the public display of the Ten Commandments.