A RESOLUTION

Encouraging the United States Congress to repeal the Johnson Amendment to the Internal Revenue Code; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the Johnson Amendment is a provision in the Internal Revenue Code that prohibits all 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in the United States from endorsing or opposing political candidates; and

WHEREAS, most churches and religious organizations are organized as 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson Amendment violates the principles of freedoms of speech and religion; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has the authority to repeal the Johnson Amendment to the Internal Revenue Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body join together to encourage the United States Congress to repeal the Johnson Amendment to the Internal Revenue Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and Secretary of the United States Senate.