

**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the 60th anniversary of the addition of the words "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, On February 10, 1954, Michigan Senator Homer Ferguson introduced a bill in the United States Congress to amend the Pledge of Allegiance by adding the words "under God" to the text of the pledge;

Whereas, February 10, 1954, was chosen as the date to introduce the bill in recognition of the five-year anniversary of the imprisonment of Hungarian Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty who was imprisoned and tortured by Communists for his sermons exposing the Communist goal of eradication of all religions;

Whereas, Speeches were delivered in Congress by members of both political parties honoring Cardinal Mindszenty and emphasizing the threat posed to America by Communism;

Whereas, Upon introduction of the bill, Senator Ferguson commented, "I believe this modification of the pledge is important because it highlights one of the real fundamental differences between the free world and the Communist world, namely, belief in God," furthering that with, "Our nation is founded on a fundamental belief in God, and the first and most important reason for the existence of our government is to protect the God-given rights of our citizens. Spiritual values are every bit as important to the defense and safety of our nation as are military and economic values.";



Whereas, The vote to add "under God" to the United States Pledge of Allegiance was unanimous;

Whereas, On February 7, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower became convinced that adding the words "under God" to the United States Pledge of Allegiance would be the right thing to do after hearing Reverend George Docherty preach that the phrase "nation under God" was first used in the Gettysburg Address because freedom "is defined by a fundamental belief in God";

Whereas, The first time the United States Pledge of Allegiance was recited was on Flag Day, June 14, 1954;

Whereas, It is proper and fitting to recognize and honor such an important date that strengthens the ties of history that bind us to our Christian heritage: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes
- 2 February 10, 1954, as the anniversary of the addition of the words
- 3 "under God" to the Pledge of Allegiance of the United States.

