

House Resolution No. 6036

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1 A RESOLUTION supporting the 200+ years of Judeo-Christian tradition
2 and its open expression in the U.S. Military.

3 WHEREAS, American history demonstrates the importance of open
4 and unrestricted religious expression in the military, beginning with
5 General George Washington even before the American founding and then
6 continuing unabated thereafter; and

7 WHEREAS, The historical and constitutional emphasis on securing
8 the rights of conscience and religious expression are for all citizens and
9 does not exclude those in the military; and

10 WHEREAS, There is a recent documented trend of increasing hostility
11 from special interests towards religious expressions by military service
12 members and of restrictions on military chaplains, especially toward
13 those of the Judeo-Christian tradition; and

14 WHEREAS, The Judeo-Christian tradition has been, and continues to
15 be, the majority religion in the U.S.A. and its military; and

16 WHEREAS, American history has had a two-century policy of
17 friendliness to and acceptance of faith and religious expression in the
18 military, including its direct support through a professional chaplaincy;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, The purpose of government is to protect the inalienable
21 rights of every individual, including those in the military; the rights of
22 conscience and religious expression are among those rights which
23 government has a fundamental duty to protect, rather than infringe upon:
24 Now, therefore,

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*
26 That we strongly support the 200+ years of Judeo-Christian tradition and
27 its open expression in the U.S. Military; and

28 *Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas House of Representatives
29 expects its U.S. Legislators to fully support and aggressively defend the
30 rights of religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-Christian
31 tradition in the U.S. Military and support the professional chaplaincy; and

32 *Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas House of Representatives
33 expects the Adjutant General of Kansas to fully support and aggressively

1 defend the rights of religious conscience and the free exercise of the
2 Judeo-Christian tradition in the Kansas National Guard and support the
3 professional chaplaincy; and

4 *Be it further resolved:* That the Kansas House of Representatives
5 expects civilian and military leaders of the U.S. Military to fully support
6 and aggressively defend the rights of religious conscience and the free
7 exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the U.S. Military and support
8 the professional chaplaincy; and

9 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of
10 Representatives be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution
11 to the U.S. legislators representing Kansas, Adjutant General Tafanelli
12 and Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel.

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