

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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SCHULER, S. H. SMITH, OLASZ, KING AND MERRY, FEBRUARY 1, 1995

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES, FEBRUARY 1, 1995

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging that prayer be returned to the public school systems of  
2 this nation.

3 WHEREAS, The first amendment to the Constitution of the  
4 United States specifies, "Congress shall make no law respecting  
5 an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise  
6 thereof..."; and

7 WHEREAS, Our nation was founded by many different beliefs and  
8 ideals of settlers from other countries; and

9 WHEREAS, The framers of the Constitution of the United States  
10 sought to protect everyone from one mandated religion; and

11 WHEREAS, Our nation was founded on freedom of religion and  
12 was not founded on freedom from religion; and

13 WHEREAS, Through time, court decisions and certain interest  
14 groups have contributed to the deterioration of those religious  
15 beliefs and ideals to the extent that prayer has been banned

1 from the public school system; and

2 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives strongly believes that  
3 reinstitution of prayer in the public schools will move this  
4 nation toward those religious ideals and beliefs upon which it  
5 was founded; therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives strongly urge  
7 that prayer be returned to the public school systems of this  
8 nation and invites all townships, boroughs, cities and counties  
9 across this Commonwealth to join in an effort to reinstate  
10 prayer in the public schools by passing similar resolutions and  
11 uniting in a grass roots movement for that purpose.