

112TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. CON. RES. 13

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Whereas “In God We Trust” is the official motto of the United States;

Whereas the sentiment, “In God We Trust”, has been an integral part of United States society since its founding;

Whereas in times of national challenge or tragedy, the people of the United States have turned to God as

their source for sustenance, protection, wisdom, strength, and direction;

Whereas the Declaration of Independence recognizes God, our Creator, as the source of our rights, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”;

Whereas the national anthem of the United States says “praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation * * * and this be our motto: in God is our trust.”;

Whereas the words “In God We Trust” appear over the entrance to the Senate Chamber and above the Speaker’s rostrum in the House Chamber;

Whereas the oath taken by all Federal employees, except the President, states “I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.”;

Whereas John Adams said, “Statesmen may plan and speculate for Liberty, but it is Religion and Morality alone, which can establish the Principles upon which Freedom can securely stand.”;

Whereas if religion and morality are taken out of the marketplace of ideas, the very freedom on which the United States was founded cannot be secured;

Whereas as President Eisenhower said and President Ford later repeated, “Without God, there could be no American form of government, nor, an American way of life.”; and

Whereas President John F. Kennedy said, “The guiding principle and prayer of this Nation has been, is now, and ever shall be ‘In God We Trust.’”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That Congress reaffirms “In God We Trust”
3 as the official motto of the United States and supports
4 and encourages the public display of the national motto
5 in all public buildings, public schools, and other govern-
6 ment institutions.

Passed the House of Representatives November 1,
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Attest:

Clerk.

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