

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1026

By: Kern, Bennett and Ritze of
the House

and

Stanislawski of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution relating to the United States
Military; supporting religious tradition and open
expression; and directing distribution.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the purpose of government is to protect the inalienable
rights of every individual, including those in the military; the

rights of conscience and religious expression are among those rights which government has a fundamental duty to protect, rather than infringe upon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

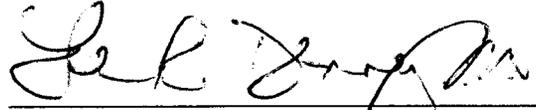
THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives strongly supports the over two hundred years of Judeo-Christian tradition and its open expression in the United States Military and support of the professional chaplaincy.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expects the Adjutant General of Oklahoma to fully support and defend the rights of religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the Oklahoma National Guard and support the professional chaplaincy.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives expects civilian and military leaders of the United States Military to fully support and aggressively defend the rights of religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the United States Military and support the professional chaplaincy.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation, Adjutant General of Oklahoma and the United States Secretary of Defense.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 9th day of April, 2014.


Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 15th day of May, 2014.


Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 15th
day of May, 20 14, at 3:10 o'clock P. M.
By: Chris Benz