

Resolution

ENROLLED SENATE
RESOLUTION NO. 58

By: Shaw, Allen, Anderson,
Barrington, Bass, Bice,
Bingman, Boggs, Brecheen,
Brooks, Brown, Crain, Dahm,
David, Dossett, Fields,
Floyd, Ford, Fry, Garrison,
Griffin, Halligan, Holt,
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Loveless, Marlatt,
Matthews, Mazzei, Newberry,
Paddack, Pittman, Quinn,
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Silk, Simpson, Smalley,
Sparks, Standridge,
Stanislowski, Sykes,
Thompson, Treat, Wyrick and
Yen

A Resolution commemorating the 60th anniversary of the national motto; encouraging and supporting its public display.

WHEREAS, the phrase "In God We Trust" was adopted as the official motto of the United States in 1956 after it was approved through a joint resolution by the 84th Congress and was signed by President Eisenhower on July 30, 1956, and which is now codified in 36 U.S.C., Section 186; and

WHEREAS, the phrase was designed as an alternative to "E pluribus unum", which was the first unofficial motto originally used in 1782; and

WHEREAS, the phrase may have originated from the words of "The Star-Spangled Banner" written during the War of 1812, as the fourth stanza includes the phrase, "And this be our motto - In God is our trust"; and

WHEREAS, the motto first appeared on U.S. coins in 1864 and on paper currency in 1957; and

WHEREAS, from the crucible of the Civil War, Reverend M.R. Watkinson, in a letter dated November 13, 1861, petitioned the Treasury Department to add a statement recognizing, "Almighty God in some form on our coin". Treasury Secretary Salmon P. Chase acted on Watkinson's proposal and instructed the Director of the Philadelphia Mint, James Pollock, to begin work on designs that coined the phrase; and

WHEREAS, legislation was introduced and passed on April 22, 1864, authorizing the inclusion of the phrase on one-cent and two-cent coins.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 55TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT members of the Oklahoma State Senate commemorate the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the national motto, "In God We Trust".

THAT members of the Oklahoma State Senate cultivate the public display of the national motto.

Adopted by the Senate the 3rd day of May, 2016.

Nathan Dahm
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 4th
day of May, 20 16, at 1:45 o'clock P. M.
By: Chris Senge