

State of Arkansas

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H.R. 1002

By: Representative Kerr

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN FLAG BE INCLUDED AT THE NEXT SPECIAL SESSION OF THE ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

WHEREAS, the American flag is a symbol of our nation and of national unity; and

WHEREAS, the flag is also a symbol of the many people have served this nation in time of armed conflict and of those who died to protect this nation; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 1989 the United States Supreme Court in Texas v. Johnson decided that the Texas statute prohibiting the desecration of the American flag violates the First Amendment protection of freedom of speech; and

WHEREAS, the American flag, as an important symbol of this nation, should be protected by law from desecration;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

THAT the members of the House of Representatives of the Arkansas General Assembly hereby request the Governor to include legislation to protect the American flag within his call for the next special session of the Arkansas General Assembly.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Arkansas Legislative Council is hereby requested to appoint a special subcommittee to study possible revisions in the law to adequately protect the flag and to prepare legislation to fulfill that purpose.□