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HR 1053

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5 By: Representatives Ratliff, Wren

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7 **HOUSE RESOLUTION**

8 IN SUPPORT OF PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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11 **Subtitle**

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15 WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States
16 of America clearly states that the Congress shall make no law respecting an
17 establishment of religion; and

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19 WHEREAS, there are practices common in the United States such as the
20 employment of Congressional chaplains or government recognition of holidays
21 with religious significance and National Days of Prayer; and

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23 WHEREAS, for 170 years following the ratification of the First
24 Amendment, prayer in public schools was common; and

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26 WHEREAS, prayer in school could result in societal benefits; and

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28 WHEREAS, school prayer could help to address the needs of the whole
29 person by reinforcing the values taught at home and in the community; and

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31 WHEREAS, school prayer could allow students another opportunity to
32 observe their religious beliefs during the school day beyond what they can do
33 personally,

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35 NOW THEREFORE,

36 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-NINTH GENERAL



1 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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 THAT the House of Representatives supports the position of voluntary prayer in public schools for the betterment of our children, our communities, and the State of Arkansas and to preserve the right of freedom of religion established by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America for the citizens of Arkansas.