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The Honorable Lamar Smith House Judiciary Committee United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On behalf of the thousands of members of the Religious Freedom Coalition, please let me extend my sincere thanks to you for assisting in passing out of the Judiciary Committee H. Con. Res. 13, a Resolution which reaffirms "In God We Trust" as our national motto and encourages its display in all public buildings, public schools and other government institutions.

Some today would say these words are just a formality, not very important compared to the pressing problems facing our nation. Yet those who settled and founded our country, and the later generations who struggled to survive through wars and disease and financial depressions, would have said it was their trust in God that brought them through so many difficulties. Our founders realized that only a government and a legal system which recognizes the supremacy of the Creator can understand and administer true justice, freedom and equality.

In our world that is rocked by financial turmoil, natural disasters, revolutions and terrorism, the American people need to know where to turn for hope and courage; they need to know that the bedrock certainties still remain, in spite of the misguided efforts of some to erase all traces of our faith and heritage. Trust in God brought our nation through many trials, and can be the foundation that helps us deal with the challenges we face today.

Thank you again for your service to this Republic.

Respectfully yours,

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William J. Murray Chairman