

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1767

A RESOLUTION supporting the 200+ years of Judeo-Christian tradition
and its open expression in the U.S. Military.

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 on securing the rights of conscience and religious expression are 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 Senate of the State of Kansas: That we strongly support the 200+ years of Judeo-Christian tradition and its open expression in the U.S. Military; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas Senate expects its U.S. Legislators to fully support and aggressively defend the rights of religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the U.S. Military and support the professional chaplaincy; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas Senate expects the Adjutant General of Kansas to fully support and aggressively defend the rights of religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the Kansas National Guard and support the professional chaplaincy; and

Be it further resolved: That the Kansas Senate expects civilian and military leaders of the U.S. Military to fully support and aggressively defend the rights of religious conscience and the free exercise of the Judeo-Christian tradition in the U.S. Military and support the professional chaplaincy; and

Be it further resolved: That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to provide an enrolled copy of this resolution to the U.S. legislators representing Kansas, Adjutant General Tapanelli and Secretary of Defense, Chuck Hagel.

Senate Resolution No. 1767 was sponsored by Senators Holmes, Abrams, Arpke, Fitzgerald, Knox, LaTurner, Love, Lynn, Masterson, Olson, Ostmeyer, Petersen, Pilcher-Cook, Powell, Pyle, Smith and Tyson.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.