

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **County Boards of Education - Recitation of the American's Creed**

3 FOR the purpose of urging each county board of education to encourage its schools'
4 students and teachers to stand each week and recite the American's Creed; and
5 generally relating to urging the county boards of education to encourage the
6 recitation of the American's Creed.

7 WHEREAS, The love of freedom and democracy, shown in the devotion of all
8 true and patriotic Americans to their flag and country, should be encouraged in the
9 hearts and minds of the youth of Maryland and America; and

10 WHEREAS, After the tragic attacks of September 11, 2001 on our fellow
11 citizens, principles of government, and way of life, a positive and simple declaration of
12 our tenets of government should be freely encouraged; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That each
14 county board of education is strongly urged to encourage the students and teachers of
15 its schools to stand, at least once a week, and recite the American's Creed as follows:
16 "I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the
17 people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the
18 governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a
19 perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom,
20 equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and
21 fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its
22 constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies.";
23 and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
25 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
26 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
27 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.