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# H. CON. RES. 23

Expressing respect and affection for the flag of the United States.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKAGGS (for himself and Mr. KOLBE) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing respect and affection for the flag of the United States.

Whereas freedom and liberty protected by the Constitution are fundamental and precious rights of each American;

Whereas the flag of the United States is an historic and revered symbol of that freedom and liberty;

Whereas generations of Americans have fought with valor under the flag to protect the sacred values it represents;

Whereas all the people of the United States, and their representatives in Congress, should show respect and affection for the flag;

Whereas the flag has been a source of inspiration for freedom-seeking people around the world;

Whereas deeply held respect and affection for the flag have caused many to propose an amendment to the Constitution to protect the flag from desecration; and

Whereas an amendment to the Constitution, expanding the powers of government to prohibit offensive behavior, would entail a limitation on freedoms previously protected under the First Amendment: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*  
2 *concurring)*, That the Congress of the United States ex-  
3 presses deep respect and affection for the flag of the Unit-  
4 ed States, and states its abiding trust in the freedom and  
5 liberty which the flag symbolizes.

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