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Flag Amendment Cosponsors Needed

At our 1994 BPOE National Convention a resolution was resoundingly passed by the delegates assembled which states that **"Our Order Supports Action which will encourage a Constitutional Amendment preventing Desecration of the Flag of the United States of America"**.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, one of the 140 member organizations of the Citizens Flag Alliance (CFA) have worked tirelessly over the past years towards the goal of a constitutional amendment to protect Old Glory from acts of physical desecration. Our Order feels very strongly that this Constitutional Amendment to protect our Flag is the correct and only way to protect our Flag. The Elks of are today committed along side the ~1 million-members in 2000 Lodges of our BPOE organization for the passage of this amendment.

All fifty state legislatures have passed Memorial Resolutions asking Congress to pass a flag amendment and send it to the states for ratification. This is twelve more than is needed to ratify an amendment.

The latest initiative began with the introduction of House Joint Resolution (H.J. Res.) 47 by Representative Jo Ann Emerson (MO). The text of the resolution states, **"The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."** As of June 5, H.J. Res. 47 has 36 cosponsors. A companion bill, Senate Joint Resolution (S.J. Res.) 15, was introduced by Senator David Vitter (LA); that measure currently has 22 cosponsors. Both bills have been referred to their respective Judiciary Committees for action.

We thank the current SPONSORS and COSPONSORS as of 6/5/09:

- **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 47** - introduced by Rep. Jo Ann Emerson (MO)
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|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Judy Biggett (IL) | Marsha Blackburn (TN) | Charles Boustany (LA) |
| Henry Brown (SC) | Mike Conaway (TX) | Chet Edwards (TX) |
| Mary Fallin (OK) | John Fleming (LA) | Phil Gingrey (GA) |
| Bart Gordon (TN) | Steve Kagen (WI) | Peter King (NY) |
| Tom Latham (IA) | Robert Latta (OH) | Frank LoBiondo (NJ) |
| Don Manzullo (IL) | Jim Marshall (GA) | Mike McCaul (TX) |
| John McHugh (NY) | Mike McIntyre (NC) | Michael Michaud (ME) |
| Candice Miller (MI) | Jerry Moran (KS) | Randy Neugebauer (TX) |
| Erik Paulsen (MN) | Todd Platts (PA) | Bill Posey (FL) |
| Bill Shuster (PA) | Mike Simpson (ID) | Ike Skelton (MO) |
| Christopher Smith (NJ) | Harry Teague (NM) | Todd Tiahrt (KS) |
| Joe Wilson (SC) | Frank Wolf (VA) | C.W. Bill Young (FL) |
- **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15** - introduced by Sen. David Vitter (LA)
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|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Evan Bayh (IN) | Sam Brownback (KS) | Jim Bunning (KY) |
| Richard Burr (NC) | Saxby Chambliss (GA) | Tom Coburn (OK) |
| Thad Cochran (MS) | Mike Crapo (ID) | Jim DeMint (SC) |
| Michael Enzi (WY) | Chuck Grassley (IA) | James Inhofe (OK) |
| Johnny Isakson (GA) | Mike Johanns (NE) | Richard Lugar (IN) |
| Lisa Murkowski (AK) | James Risch (ID) | Pat Roberts (KS) |
| Richard Shelby (AL) | Debbie Stabenow (MI) | John Thune (SD) |
| Roger Wicker (MS) | | |

Elks contact your U.S. Senators and House Representatives. Ask them to become cosponsors of the Flag Protection Constitutional Amendment; if they are already cosponsors, thank them for their support of Old Glory. If they **ARE NOT** then, ask your congressional member to make a principled stand to protect this nation's most treasured symbol.

Let "We, the People" decide!

For more information www.cfa-inc.org



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► **Contact your US House of Representative & US Senator!** [\[click on name for hyperlink to web site\]](#)

Representatives: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 47

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- [Jones, Walter B.](#), NC, 3rd
- [Kissell, Larry](#), NC, 8th
- [McHenry, Patrick T.](#), NC, 10th
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- [Myrick, Sue](#), NC, 9th
- [Price, David](#), NC, 4th
- [Shuler, Heath](#), NC, 11th
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Senators: SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15

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