

91st CONGRESS  
1st Session

## S. CON. RES. 45

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER 4, 1969

Mr. TOWER (for himself, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ALLOTT, Mr. BYRD of Virginia, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. DOLE, Mr. FANNIN, Mr. GURNEY, Mr. HOLLAND, Mr. SMITH of Illinois, Mr. SPONG, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. THURMOND) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to public expression of religious faith by American astronauts.

Whereas there has been worldwide interest in the space program and extensive coverage of space projects by the mass media;

Whereas the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is directed by section 203 (a) (3) of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Act of 1958 to "provide for the widest practicable and appropriate dissemination of information concerning its activities and the results thereof";

Whereas the free exercise of religion and the freedom of speech for all Americans is protected by the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas there are questions presently before the courts intended to test the prerogative of astronauts to express their religious faith publicly during the course of space flights: Now, therefore, be it

- 1       *Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives*
- 2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that all the
- 3 past expressions and exercises of religious faith practiced by
- 4 the astronauts, during the space explorations, were compati-
- 5 ble with the first amendment of the Constitution of the United
- 6 States which guarantees the freedom of speech and religion.
- 7 It is further resolved that the astronauts while engaged in any
- 8 duties connected with the space program should not be ob-
- 9 structed from exercising these freedoms.

## CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to public expression of religious faith by American astronauts.

Whereas there has been worldwide interest in the space program and extensive coverage of space projects by the mass media;

Whereas the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is directed by section 203 (a) (3) of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Act of 1958 to "provide for the widest practicable and appropriate dissemination of information concerning its activities and the results thereof";

Whereas the free exercise of religion and the freedom of speech for all Americans is protected by the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States;

91ST CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

## S. CON. RES. 45

---

---

### CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress with respect to public expression of religious faith by American astronauts.

---

---

By Mr. TOWER, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ALLOTT, Mr. BYRD of Virginia, Mr. COOPER, Mr. COTTON, Mr. DOLE, Mr. FANNIN, Mr. GURNEY, Mr. HOLLAND, Mr. SMITH of Illinois, Mr. SPONG, Mr. STEVENS, and Mr. THURMOND

---

---

NOVEMBER 4, 1969

Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary