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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2033  
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1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION LAMENTING THE UNITED STATES SUPREME  
2 COURT DECISION DECLARING UNCONSTITUTIONAL STATE LAWS  
3 PROHIBITING THE DESTRUCTION, MUTILATION, OR DESECRATION OF  
4 THE FLAGS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND OF ITS STATES,  
5 AND REQUESTING CONGRESS TO PROPOSE AN AMENDMENT TO THE  
6 FEDERAL CONSTITUTION TO PROHIBIT THE DESTRUCTION,  
7 MUTILATION, OR DESECRATION OF THE FLAGS OF THE UNITED  
8 STATES OF AMERICA AND OF ITS STATES.

9       Whereas, the American flag is a cherished emblem symbolizing the proud  
10 history and democratic principles of the citizens of this nation; and

11       Whereas, the State flag of North Carolina also represents the heritage and  
12 ideals that were hard fought for by the citizens of this State; and

13       Whereas, the intentional destruction, mutilation, and desecration of these  
14 flags are shameful acts, insulting and abhorrent to those who treasure the beauty and  
15 simplicity with which these emblems convey to the world the values embraced by  
16 Americans;

17 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

18       Section 1. The House of Representatives laments the decision of the United  
19 States Supreme Court, Texas v. Johnson, 57 U.S.L.W. 4770 (U.S. June 21, 1989)(No.  
20 88-155), declaring unconstitutional those laws prohibiting the destruction, mutilation, or  
21 desecration of the flags of the United States of America and of its states, reaffirms the  
22 respect with which it regards the American flag and the North Carolina flag, and the  
23 esteem by which these symbols are regarded by the citizens of this State and the nation.

24       Sec. 2. The House of Representatives requests that the Congress of the  
25 United States prepare and submit to the several states an amendment to the Constitution

1 of the United States prohibiting the destruction, mutilation, or desecration of the flags of  
2 the United States of America and of its states.

3           Sec. 3. The Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives shall transmit  
4 copies of this resolution, upon adoption, to the members of the North Carolina  
5 Congressional Delegation, President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
6 United States House of Representatives, the North Carolina State Senate, and the  
7 Governor of North Carolina.

8           Sec. 4. This resolution is effective upon adoption.