

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

## 91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES NAEGER, JETTON, MOORE, SCHWAB, SECREST, PHILLIPS, PORTWOOD, DEMPSEY, BARTLE (Co-sponsors), LUETKEMEYER, COOPER, HENDERSON, DOLAN, MYERS, REINHART, TOWNLEY, BEARDEN, BARNITZ, BARTELSMEYER, SELBY, LEVIN, HUNTER, KING, HANAWAY, KELLEY (47), BLACK, BARNETT, ROBIRDS, BERKSTRESSER, MILLER, QUINN, ROARK, SHOEMAKER, FROELKER, MARSH, RECTOR, KELLY (36), BURTON, BEHNEN, HENDRICKSON, MAYER, WRIGHT, PURGASON AND SHIELDS.

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### JOINT RESOLUTION

Submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri, an amendment repealing section 5 of article I of the Constitution of Missouri, relating to religious freedom and adopting one new section in lieu thereof relating to the same subject.

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*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring therein:*

That at the next general election to be held in the state of Missouri, on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 2002, or at a special election to be called by the governor for that purpose, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of this state, for adoption or rejection, the following amendment to article I of the Constitution of the state of Missouri:

Section A. Section 5, article I, Constitution of Missouri, is repealed and one new section adopted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 5, to read as follows:

Section 5. That all men **and women** have a natural and indefeasible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their own consciences; that no human authority can control or interfere with the rights of conscience; that no person shall, on account of his **or her** religious persuasion or belief, be rendered ineligible to any public office or trust or profit in this state, be disqualified from testifying or serving as a juror, or be molested in his **or her** person or estate; **that voluntary prayer is an inseparable element of religious freedom, and therefore shall be permitted in the various public schools throughout the state;** but this

8 section shall not be construed to excuse acts of licentiousness, nor to justify practices  
9 inconsistent with the good order, peace or safety of the state, or with the rights of others.