

House Resolution 190

By: Representatives Williamson of the 115th, Kirby of the 114th, Yates of the 73rd, Coomer of the 14th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging county and municipal officials to ensure that the American flag is properly displayed;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, President Truman signed an Act on August 3, 1949, to declare June 14th of
4 each year as National Flag Day as a day of remembrance and to pay tribute to the United
5 States flag; and

6 WHEREAS, the United States flag is recognized as a universal symbol that should be the
7 center of display in a procession, ceremony, and in permitted public places to represent the
8 history of our country; and

9 WHEREAS, Public Law 94-344, the Federal Flag Code, makes it clear that the United States
10 flag is a "living symbol" representing a living country and is itself a living thing which
11 expresses freedom, independence, and patriotism; and

12 WHEREAS, the family of a United States veteran is entitled to an American flag for burial
13 as a symbol of honor and bravery for services that their loved one provided in securing the
14 blessings of liberty; and

15 WHEREAS, in public schools, students recite the Pledge of Allegiance, making an oath by
16 saying the following words in relation to the United States flag: "I pledge allegiance to the
17 flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands"; and

18 WHEREAS, Public Law 94-344 contains rules for handling and displaying the United States
19 flag; however, imposing no penalty for noncompliance, Public Law 94-344 should be
20 followed by every American citizen on a voluntary basis.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
22 the members of this body urge the elected officials of each political subdivision to ensure that
23 the American flag is displayed in the proper manner.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State is urged to work with state
25 agencies and county and municipal officials to ensure that the right to display the United
26 States flag, guaranteed by Public Law 109-243, is upheld.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the public and the press.