

## **Sense of Congress Resolution**

Whereas, the United States of America values the diversity of its citizens and their beliefs;

Whereas, the Bible holds significant cultural, literary, and historical value, influencing various aspects of society, including art, literature, and governance;

Whereas, understanding the Bible is essential for comprehending the historical context of many events and movements shaping civilization;

Whereas, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution protects freedom of speech and religion, allowing individuals the right to explore religious texts without government interference;

Whereas, the Supreme Court of the United States has recognized the educational value of teaching the Bible in public schools as part of a secular program of education;

Whereas, teaching the Bible as literature and history can foster critical thinking, cultural literacy, and understanding of diverse perspectives;

Whereas, numerous academic institutions worldwide include the Bible in their curriculum as a valuable resource for studying literature, history, and ethics;

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That it is the sense of Congress that teaching the Bible as literature and history in public schools, when presented objectively and as part of a secular education program, is a valuable academic pursuit that enhances students' understanding of culture, history, and literature.