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Mr. Speaker:

The Judiciary Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.C.R. 2**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY, by Representative Brian S. King, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 33 through 34:*

33 WHEREAS, the right to religious freedom as defined by Jefferson and Madison is
34 fundamental to the success of a {~~democratic~~} constitutional republic;

2. *Page 2, Lines 35 through 39:*

35 WHEREAS, the state of Utah was founded upon the principles of respect for the
religious beliefs or non-beliefs
36 of all persons, {~~be they Christian or Jewish, Muslim or Hindu, Buddhist or Sikh,~~
~~atheist or~~
37 ~~agnostic~~} and the state constitution expressly provides since statehood in 1896
that "perfect toleration of religious sentiment is guaranteed" (Article III) and all
citizens of this state shall enjoy equally all religious rights and privileges (Article
IV) ;
38 WHEREAS, {~~millions of~~} people from all parts of the world have come to
the United States of America and Utah fleeing
39 religious persecution;

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3. *Page 2, Line 51:*

51 and championed by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison **. and the enduring religious freedom guaranteed in the United States and Utah constitutions** .

Respectfully,

LaVar Christensen
Committee Chair

Voting: 7-0-4

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