

H.C.R. 2

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DESIGNATING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY

HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

AMENDMENT 1

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Representative **LaVar Christensen** proposes 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 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 America and Utah
fleeing
39 religious persecution;

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 .