

#### PROTECT OUR FLAG

Lodges of North Carolina Exalted Ruler Americanism Committee Chair

Write a letter to your congressional member(s) from your Lodge signed by all officers, encourage your members and others to do the same and also contact your congressional member(s) by their web sites. Post information on lodge web site/bulletin board/newsletter. Distribute/Collect Signed Petitions.

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**NORTH CAROLINA ELKS** ask your congressional member to make a principled stand to protect this nation's most treasured symbol, the Flag of the United States of America!

Since the 1989 Supreme Court decision, Texas v. Johnson, members of the Citizens Flag Alliance (CFA) and **B.P.O.E., as a member organization of CFA** www.cfa-inc.org, have worked tirelessly over the past twenty plus years towards the goal of a constitutional amendment to protect Old Glory from acts of physical desecration. Only a constitutional amendment can protect the flag.

On January 7, 2011, Representative Jo Ann Emerson (MO) reintroduced legislation for the 112th Congress proposing a constitutional amendment which would restore to Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag. **House Joint Resolution (H.J. Res.) 13**, simply reads: "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

A companion bill, **Senate Joint Resolution** (S.J. Res.) 19, was introduced on June 14, 2011 in the Senate with bipartisan support by Senators Orrin Hatch (UT) and Max Baucus (MT). In previous Congresses, the House overwhelmingly adopted this flag protection amendment, but we have failed to muster the necessary two-thirds majority in the Senate needed to send it to the states for ratification.

All members of B.P.O. E. are asked to contact their U.S. Senators and Representatives. Ask them to vote **YEA** and become **CO-SPONSORS** of the flag protection constitutional amendment; if they are already cosponsors, thank them for their support of Old Glory.

List of NC US Representatives and US Senators attached. The list changes regularly, you can monitor at <a href="http://www.cfa-inc.org/cosponsors">http://www.cfa-inc.org/cosponsors</a> and or <a href="http://thomas.loc.gov">http://thomas.loc.gov</a>

Fraternally,
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### **North Carolina US Representatives**

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# Flag Amendment Tracker - <a href="http://www.cfa-inc.org/cosponsors">http://www.cfa-inc.org/cosponsors</a>

# U.S. Senate Super Tracker 112th Congress (7/1/2011)

St	Party	Term	Last	First	Cosponsor	Yea	Nay	Unknown
NC	R	2016	Burr	Richard	1	1		
NC	D	2014	Hagan	Kay				1

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St	CD	First	Last	Party	Cosponsor	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Nay	Undecided
NC	1	G.K.	Butterfield	D			1	
NC	2	Renee	Ellmers	R	1	1		
NC	3	Walter	Jones	R		1		
NC	4	David	Price	D			1	
NC	5	Virginia	Foxx	R	1	1		
NC	6	Howard	Coble	R		1		
NC	7	Mike	McIntyre	D		1		
NC	8	Larry	Kissell	D		1		
NC	9	Sue	Myrick	R	1	1		
NC	10	Patrick	McHenry	R		1		
NC	11	Heath	Shuler	D				1
NC	12	Mel	Watt	D			1	
NC	13	Brad	Miller	D			1	