



Protecting Religious Expression and our History

I am proud to have co-sponsored House Bill 3678 to promote our children's right to express their religious beliefs, without compromising our founding principles against religious indoctrination. I firmly support prohibiting the government from indoctrinating our children with a set of religious beliefs. But, this prohibition has become a tool to suppress individual demonstrations of faith by our children.

I am also proud to say that I sponsored and passed House Bill 1287, which provides for a high school elective course in a non-devotional, academic study of the Bible for a well-rounded education in both our culture and our history. We cannot fully understand or appreciate the major writings of our historic figures without better understanding the Biblical text they relied upon for inspiration. An academic review found more than 1300 Biblical references in the works of William Shakespeare, and no one reading the speeches of George Washington or Abraham Lincoln can ignore the impact of the Bible on the way they thought and wrote.