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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01S2-1007**

101      **CONCERNING ENCOURAGEMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICIES TO**  
102            **PREVENT DESECRATION OF THE AMERICAN FLAG IN PUBLIC**  
103            **SCHOOLS.**

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1            WHEREAS, Only **days** after the tragic events of September 11,  
2            2001, a student at Littleton High School chose to wear clothing to her  
3            public school that depicted an American flag, desecrated by profanity;  
4            and

5            WHEREAS, The picture of the desecrated flag had the effect of  
6            inciting and provoking another student, leading to a disruptive verbal  
7            altercation between the two students; and

8            WHEREAS, Desecrating the American flag is likely to incite and  
9            provoke students, potentially causing disruption, verbal altercations, and  
10           violence in our public schools; and

11           WHEREAS, Each school district board of education is currently  
12           required by statute to adopt a safe school plan that will provide an  
13           environment that is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from

**Shading denotes HOUSE amendment.** Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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HOUSE  
Final Reading  
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1 unnecessary disruption; and

2 WHEREAS, Each school district's safe school plan by statute must  
3 include a conduct and discipline code that establishes general policies  
4 regarding student conduct, safety, and welfare; a dress code policy that  
5 defines and prohibits students from wearing apparel that is deemed  
6 disruptive to the classroom environment or to the maintenance of a safe  
7 and orderly school; and general policies and procedures for dealing with  
8 students who cause a disruption in the classroom, on school grounds, in  
9 school vehicles, or at school activities or sanctioned events; and

10 WHEREAS, Because the desecration of the American flag can  
11 involve clothing, action, and words, and may or may not be clearly  
12 addressed by any school district policy currently required by state statute;  
13 now, therefore,

14 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*  
15 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*  
16 *herein:*

17 That, because desecration of the American flag is likely to incite  
18 and provoke violence in our public schools, each school district board of  
19 education is encouraged to develop a specific school district policy  
20 concerning the desecration of the American flag in whatever form such  
21 desecration occurs.

22 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Joint Resolution be  
23 sent to each school district in the state of Colorado and to the Colorado  
24 Department of Education, and that the copy be displayed in an  
25 appropriate location in each facility or office.