

Friends and Activists,

BREAKING NEWS: Congressmen Walter Jones and Ron Paul introduced legislation to help Chaplains, below. Can you please make this phone call (see RED # below) or email your Congressman (see RED web-link, below)? CHAPLAINS REALLY NEED YOUR HELP TODAY. Please forward this alert widely. Please.

I pray in Jesus' name,

Chaplain Gordon James Klingenschmitt

The former Navy Chaplain, court-martialed for praying in Jesus name in uniform.

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Congressman Walter Jones Introduces Legislation Which Will Ensure that ALL Military Chaplains Have Religious Freedom such as Christian Chaplains Being Able to Close Their Prayers "In the Name of Jesus Christ"/Congressman Ron Paul is the First Original Co-Sponsor

Last week, Congressman Walter Jones, R-NC, introduced new legislation, H.R. 6514, which will ensure that all military chaplains in every branch of the American armed services -- including at all the U.S. military academies such as West Point and Annapolis -- would have the right to recite a closing prayer outside of a religious service according to the dictates of the chaplain's own conscience.

Congressman Ron Paul, former Republican presidential candidate from Texas, is the first original co-sponsor on Congressman Walter Jones' tremendous legislation. Christian Coalition of America wholeheartedly supports this legislation and urges all Members of the House of Representatives to co-sponsor this bill.

In John McCaslin's "Inside the Beltway" of the "Washington Times" on Monday, **Congressman Jones was quoted saying: "For Christian chaplains, closing their prayers in the name of Jesus Christ is a fundamental part of their beliefs, and to suppress this form of expression would violate their religious freedom. The demand for so-called 'nonsectarian' prayer is merely a euphemism declaring that prayers will be acceptable only so long as they censor Christian beliefs."**

The text of Congressman Jones' bill, H.R. 6514 says: **To amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that every military chaplain has the prerogative to close a prayer outside of a religious service according to the dictates of the chaplain's own conscience.** *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of*

Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled..."

Congressman Jones said that some progress is being made. For example, the 2007 National Defense Authorization Act, directed the secretaries of the Navy and Air Force to rescind 2006 guidelines preventing chaplains from praying according to their own faith and conscience in public venues.

A tiny minority of radical atheists, inside and outside the military, have agitated to get rid of any prayers by military chaplains who pray in the name of Jesus Christ. This discrimination will end once and for all, when Congressman Jones' legislation becomes law.

ACTION ITEM: Please your Congressman at 202-225-3121 or you can go to www.cc.org/contactcongress.cfm and email them and urge them to co-sponsor the legislation introduced by Congressman Walter Jones, H.R. 6514, to ensure that every military chaplain has the right to close a prayer according to the dictates of the chaplain's own conscience.

On Wednesday, the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals Ruled that the City Council of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Could Ban "In Jesus' Name" in City Council Meeting Prayers and Ban Fellow City Councilmen who Pray in the Name of Jesus From Praying

Radical judicial tyrants continue to legislate from the bench as shown this week when the United States Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the city council of Fredericksburg, Virginia had the legal authority to require so-called "non-sectarian" prayer and they could also ban a Christian council member, the Rev. Hasmel Turner, from being able to pray during city council meetings because he prayed "in Jesus' name."

Sandra Day O'Connor, the liberal retired former Supreme Court Justice who sat in on the appeals court case, continues to spread mischief, to legislate from the bench, and to write left-wing decisions, as she did for decades when she sat on the United States Supreme Court. O'Connor wrote the decision on Wednesday which said: "The restriction that prayers be nonsectarian in nature is designed to make the prayers accessible to people who come from a variety of backgrounds, not to exclude or disparage a particular faith."

Air Force Academy graduate, Gordon James Klingenschmitt, the former United States Navy chaplain who faced court-martial for praying "in Jesus name" in uniform (but won the victory in Congress for other chaplains), defended Rev. Hashmel Turner. **Chaplain Klingenschmitt said: "The Fredericksburg government violated everybody's rights by establishing a non-sectarian religion, and requiring all prayers conform, or face punishment of exclusion.**

"Justice O'Connor showed her liberal colors today, by declaring the word 'Jesus' as illegal religious speech, which can be banned by any council who wishes to ignore the First Amendment as she did. Councilman Rev. Hashmel Turner should run for mayor, fire the other council-members, and re-write the prayer policy. And if he appeals to the Supreme Court, I pray he will win, in Jesus' name."

Please keep the above issues in prayer. Through prayer and action great and mighty things can be accomplished.

Psalm 33:12 *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..."*

Please be sure to forward this message on to as many people as possible!

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