

SENATE RESOLUTION 10

(By Senators Grady, Rucker, Hamilton, Deeds, and
Roberts)

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1 Recognizing the Day of the Bible at the Capitol.

2 Whereas, The Bible has been one of the most widely read and influential books in human
3 history; and

4 Whereas, The Bible has played a significant role in shaping literature, language, art,
5 music, ethics, and moral philosophy across civilizations; and

6 Whereas, Many early settlers in North America relied upon the Bible for spiritual guidance
7 and moral instruction; and

8 Whereas, September 12, 1782, marks a historic milestone in American history when the
9 Congress of the United States, during the American Revolutionary War, officially approved the
10 publication of the first complete English-language Bible printed in America, known as the "Aitken
11 Bible" or "The Bible of the Revolution"; and

12 Whereas, This monumental event took place in Philadelphia under the direction of a
13 committee of Congress led by James Duane, and with the endorsement of the Congressional
14 chaplains, thereby marking Pennsylvania as a birthplace of both American liberty and spiritual
15 legacy; and

16 Whereas, The Aitken Bible served not only as a religious text but also a symbol of national
17 resilience, unity, and the importance of self-governance during one of the most trying times in the
18 nation's history; and

19 Whereas, The Bible has influenced the development of laws, principles of justice, and

1 concepts of human dignity throughout history; and

2 Whereas, The Bible has provided inspiration, comfort, and hope to individuals and
3 communities during times of challenge and change; and

4 Whereas, People of many faith traditions, and those studying history and literature,
5 recognize the Bible's enduring impact on culture and society; and

6 Whereas, A Day of the Bible provides an opportunity to reflect on the Bible's historical role
7 and its continuing influence on personal character, charitable works, and civic life; therefore, be it

8 *Resolved by the Senate:*

9 That the Senate hereby recognizes the Day of the Bible; and, be it

10 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate acknowledges the historical, cultural, and literary
11 significance of the Bible; and, be it

12 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate encourages individuals to reflect on the Bible's
13 contributions to moral reflection, compassion, and service to others; and, be it

14 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate affirms the importance of religious freedom and the
15 right of all individuals to observe, study, or reflect upon religious texts according to their own
16 beliefs; and, be it

17 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to
18 the appropriate representatives of Day of the Bible at the Capitol.