

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1960**  
**OFFERED BY MR. JONES OF NORTH CAROLINA**

At the end of subtitle C of title V, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 5 \_\_\_\_ . PROTECTION OF THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF**  
2 **MILITARY CHAPLAINS TO CLOSE A PRAYER**  
3 **OUTSIDE OF A RELIGIOUS SERVICE ACCORD-**  
4 **ING TO THE TRADITIONS, EXPRESSIONS, AND**  
5 **RELIGIOUS EXERCISES OF THE ENDORSING**  
6 **FAITH GROUP.**

7 (a) UNITED STATES ARMY.—Section 3547 of title  
8 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
9 the following new subsection:

10 “(c) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
11 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close  
12 the prayer according to the traditions, expressions, and  
13 religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.”

14 (b) UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY.—Section  
15 4337 of such title is amended—

16 (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”; and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
18 section:

1           “(b) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
2 gious service, the Chaplain shall have the prerogative to  
3 close the prayer according to the traditions, expressions,  
4 and religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.”.

5           (c) UNITED STATES NAVY AND MARINE CORPS.—  
6 Section 6031 of such title is amended by adding at the  
7 end the following new subsection:

8           “(d) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
9 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close  
10 the prayer according to the traditions, expressions, and  
11 religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.”.

12           (d) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE.—Section 8547 of  
13 such title is amended by adding at the end the following  
14 new subsection:

15           “(e) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
16 gious service, a chaplain shall have the prerogative to close  
17 the prayer according to the traditions, expressions, and  
18 religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.”.

19           (e) UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY.—Section  
20 9337 of such title is amended—

21           (1) by inserting “(a)” before “There”; and

22           (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
23 section:

24           “(b) If called upon to lead a prayer outside of a reli-  
25 gious service, the Chaplain shall have the prerogative to

- 1 close the prayer according to the traditions, expressions,
- 2 and religious exercises of the endorsing faith group.”.

