



Resolution on Church-State Separation Ahead of America 250: Quotes from Endorsing Organizations

Freedom From Religion Foundation

“Reps. Huffman and Raskin continue to be stalwart champions of the separation of state and church. They and the many other members of the Congressional Freethought Caucus have designated a National Day of Reason, moved to repeal the Comstock Act before it can be weaponized into a national abortion ban and pushed for the global repeal of blasphemy laws that jail people for their beliefs. This resolution gets the history right. The Founders deliberately separated state and church — and that choice made religious freedom possible. My thanks to the Freethought Caucus co-chairs for insisting that we celebrate the country we are: a free people with a secular government because no government gets to pick our beliefs for us.”

— Annie Laurie Gaylor
President, FFRF Action Fund

Secular Coalition for America

"This resolution serves as a reminder of and a recommitment to the founding principle of separation of church and state. At the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence it is appropriate to remember that neither the Declaration nor the Constitution established a national religion or a preference for one faith over another or over no faith. James Madison spoke for the great majority of the Founders when he said that religion and government exist in "greater purity, the less they are mixed together" The Secular Coalition for America appreciates the efforts of Congressmen Huffman and Raskin to rededicate the House of Representatives to this vital Constitutional principle."

— Steven Emmert
Executive Director, Secular Coalition for America

Center for Inquiry

“The Center for Inquiry applauds Congressman Huffman and Congressman Raskin for introducing this resolution. On America's 250th anniversary, it is imperative that we as a country

rededicate ourselves to the separation of church and state, one of the founding principles of this great nation. Doing so is not only necessary, it will benefit our democracy as a whole.”

— Center for Inquiry

Interfaith Alliance

"One of the ideals that our nation's founders got most right, was that religious freedom must be afforded to ALL - not some privileged few. Religious diversity is inherent in the American project, it is our birthright and our strength. While this revolutionary ideal of true religious freedom has been repeatedly challenged by those who wish to claim power based on a particular narrow religious worldview, the vast majority of Americans, including religious Americans, continue to champion true multi-faith democracy for all. They reject the brazen attempts by the Trump Administration to weaponize religion as an authoritarian tool while suppressing true religious freedom. As we celebrate America's 250th anniversary, Interfaith Alliance applauds this resolution for honoring and emphasizing our centuries-old national commitment to church-state separation."

— Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush
President and CEO, Interfaith Alliance

Americans United for Separation of Church and State

“Americans United for Separation of Church and State applauds Reps. Huffman and Raskin for continuing to champion the fundamental role church-state separation plays in our democracy and in protecting religious freedom for all. As we’ve seen in the run-up to the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the separation of church and state is under severe attack from religious extremists who want to impose their narrow beliefs on all of us. This House resolution is an important reminder that our country needs a national recommitment to the separation of church and state before it’s too late.”

— Rachel Laser
President and CEO of Americans United for Separation of Church and State

Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty

“Religious freedom in America has always rested on a simple promise: that belonging in our society should never depend on how or whether you worship or on what you believe. As we mark 250 years as a nation, BJC is proud to support this resolution and the principle of church-state separation that has protected people of every faith and none from government interference with religion. We honor that foundational value by recommitting to it now.”

— Amanda Tyler
Executive Director of BJC

American Humanist Association

"Church-state separation is not a bygone relic of the past but the critical foundation that protects our freedoms of religion, thought and expression," said Rachel Deitch, policy and political director of the American Humanist Association and the Center for Freethought Equality. "As the United States celebrates 250 years, Representatives Huffman and Raskin are doing exactly what this moment calls for: demanding Congress do its job and affirm that the preservation of our secular democracy is as crucial today as it was at our nation's founding. The American Humanist Association and Center for Freethought Equality are proud to stand behind this resolution."

— American Humanist Association