SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 6016

As Recommended by House Committee on Federal and State Affairs

Brief*

HR 6016 makes findings concerning the First Amendment to the *U.S. Constitution*, including the right to assemble and freedom of speech, and expresses disapproval of actions that mock or desecrate religious beliefs.

The resolution states that the House of Representatives denounces the planned satanic worship ritual scheduled to take place on the State Capitol grounds on March 28, 2025.

Additionally, the resolution states that the House of Representatives calls upon Governor Kelly to condemn the stated activity and its implicit use of stolen property; and calls upon Kansans to promote unity, mutual respect, and the values that uphold the nation's identity.

The resolution requires the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to send enrolled copies of the resolution to Representatives Rahjes, Moser, and Pickert.

Background

HR 6016 was introduced in the House by Representative Rahjes and 74 others.

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In the House Committee hearing, **proponent** testimony was provided by Representatives Rahjes, Moser, and Stiens, and by a representative of the Kansas Catholic Conference. The conferees expressed their concern with the "Black Mass" event scheduled for March 28, 2025, due to actions that may take place that they would consider to be against the teachings of the Catholic Church and Christianity in general. The conferees further stated the resolution would not stop the event from occurring, but would represent the position of the House of Representatives on the event.

No other testimony was provided.

House Resolution; religion; right to assemble; freedom of speech; State Capitol