

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1501
OFFERED BY MR. TANCREDO OF COLORADO

At the end of the bill, add the following (and make such technical and conforming changes as may be appropriate):

1 SEC. 3. CONSTITUTIONALITY OF MEMORIAL SERVICES AND
2 MEMORIALS AT PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

3 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress of the United States
4 finds that the saying of a prayer, the reading of a scrip-
5 ture, or the performance of religious music, as part of a
6 memorial service that is held on the campus of a public
7 school in order to honor the memory of any person slain
8 on that campus does not violate the First Amendment to
9 the Constitution of the United States, and that the design
10 and construction of any memorial which includes religious
11 symbols, motifs, or sayings that is placed on the campus
12 of a public school in order to honor the memory of any
13 person slain on that campus does not violate the First
14 Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

15 (b) LAWSUITS.—In any lawsuit claiming that the
16 type of memorial or memorial service described in sub-
17 section (a) violates the Constitution of the United
18 States—

1 (1) each party shall pay its own attorney's fee
2 and costs, notwithstanding any other provision of
3 law; and

4 (2) the Attorney General is authorized to pro-
5 vide legal assistance to the school district or other
6 government entity that is defending the legality of
7 such memorial service.