

WASHINGTON, D.C. — On Thursday, the House of Representatives considered a resolution “Directing the Architect of the Capitol to engrave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and the National Motto of “In God we trust” in the Capitol Visitor Center.” Though the resolution received 410 votes, eight members voted in opposition to this resolution, and two members voted present (<http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2009/roll515.xml>).

Earlier in the week, the House passed a resolution “Directing the Architect of the Capitol to place a marker in Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center which acknowledges the role that slave labor played in the construction of the United States Capitol.” This resolution passed 399-1 (<http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2009/roll478.xml>).

The lone vote in opposition was Congressman Steve King, who explained his reasons for opposing the resolution in this statement. Last in the week, a total of 10 Members of the House did not honor the deal by voting “No” or “Present” on the second resolution.

Members objecting on Thursday included:

---- NOES 8 ---

Conyers
Edwards (MD)
Hirono
Honda
McDermott
Paul

Eight House Members Reject Pledge of Allegiance, "In God We Trust"

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Scott (VA)
Stark

---- ANSWERED "PRESENT" 2 ---

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Moran (VA)