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STATE LEGISLATORS FROM 18 INDIVIDUAL STATES FORM NATIONAL "APPEAL TO HEAVEN" LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS

San Diego, CA - Legislators from around the nation gathered in unity to form the National "Appeal To Heaven" Legislative Caucus today in San Diego, California. State lawmakers from 9 different states were in attendance at the charter meeting and they join leaders from 9 other states who are pledging themselves to uphold the principles of our Founding Fathers and the Judeo-Christian principles upon which the United States was built.

Former Georgia State Representative Delvis Dutton was part of a legislative group in the Georgia House of Representatives that started a group in his state about five years ago. "We are bringing together a network of believers who are serving Jesus Christ and serving in public office to be men and women who live with integrity, vote on principle regardless of worldly cost, and appeal to Heaven for wisdom, protection and provision for our country. We want to come together to pray, fellowship and encourage others in their faith," Dutton said.

Former Rep. Dutton and Sen. Jason Rapert of Arkansas began planning to take the "Appeal to Heaven" idea national in 2014 and decided now was the time to move forward. "These principled lawmakers are calling for repentance and asking God to forgive the United States government for enabling policy decisions that have brought judgement upon other nations throughout history - such as abortion which has killed nearly sixty million innocent little babies and same-sex marriage which is clearly contrary to God's Holy Word," stated Sen. Rapert. "Our goal is to unify as many likeminded state lawmakers from around the nation as possible to take a stand for doing what is right in the eyes of God and man," Rapert said.

On the group's website www.appealtoheaven.org they highlight the purpose of their organization with a verse from the Bible - "For we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man." 2 Corinthians 8:21. They state their mission is to honor the Lord by networking elected officials who are believers in Jesus Christ, who regularly attend and display a commitment to an evangelical, Gospel-centered church and who will commit to live and govern based on Biblical, constitutional and Federalist principles.

It is quite apparent that the movement has momentum and legislators from all over the country are being moved by the message which utilizes the story of the "Washington Cruiser" flag that was the first flag George Washington fought under during the Revolutionary War. Washington and others purchased six schooners during the early days of the Revolution and commissioned a flag to be flown over the naval vessels for identification. The flag had a simple white background with a pine tree of liberty centered on the face of the flag with the phrase "An Appeal To Heaven" emblazoned on the flag itself. This phrase was actually a quote from the philosopher John Locke and reminded those over whom it flew that after all alternatives seeking justice have been exhausted, only "an appeal to heaven" remains. Colonists who saw the flag were reminded to be wholly reliant upon Heaven and the God who reigns supreme over the universe.

Rep. Isaac Latterell of South Dakota is also a founding member of the caucus and describes the organization as a "network of legislators and followers of Christ who pray, fellowship, and encourage one another to love our fellow man and serve our constituents with integrity."

With a mandate from 18 individual states and 9 states having leaders personally in attendance, the charter event included a discussion of the principles which will bind the organization together and ended with the legislators coming together in prayer for their states and the nation. States who have leaders who have made a commitment to join "Appeal to Heaven" include Georgia, Arkansas, South Dakota, North Dakota, Arizona, New Mexico, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Missouri, Mississippi, Texas, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Ohio and Utah.

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