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## Lawmakers slam Obama for editing God out of national motto & Declaration

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WASHINGTON, D.C., December 7, 2010 (LifeSiteNews.com) – A group of Congressional lawmakers is calling out President Barack Obama for repeatedly editing out references to God contained in the United States' founding documents and official declarations in his speeches, both at home and abroad.

Lawmakers belonging to the bipartisan Congressional Prayer Caucus sent a letter to the president chastising him for a speech he gave November 10 at the University of Indonesia in Jakarta, where he told his audience that the US national motto is "E Pluribus unum," when the national motto is actually "In God We Trust."

"In the United States, our motto is E pluribus unum - out of many one," Obama said, later adding, "our nations show that hundreds of millions who hold different beliefs can be united in freedom under one flag."

"For the President of the United States to incorrectly state something as foundational as our national motto in another country is unacceptable," said Congressman J. Randy Forbes (VA-04), founder and chairman of the Prayer Caucus.

"These omissions and inaccuracies are a part of a larger pattern we are seeing with the President where he is inaccurately reflecting America and undercutting important parts of our nation's history," said Forbes.

Forbes, along with 42 bipartisan Members of the Congressional Prayer Caucus, demanded the president make a public correction, especially since this is not the first time it has happened.

The letter stated that three times in the fall, Obama quoted from the **Declaration of Independence's** passage about inalienable rights, but "consistently failed" to quote the words in that passage that recognize these rights are endowed by the "Creator."

They also pointed out that the United States is not a nation under one flag, citing the pledge of allegiance which says the Unites States is "one nation under God."

"As President of the United States, you are our representative to the rest of the world. By misrepresenting things as foundational as the Declaration of Independence and our national motto, you are not only doing a disservice to the people you represent, you are casting aside an integral part of American society."

"In God We Trust" has been the official national motto of the United States since 1956 by federal law. The motto has appeared on U.S. coins since the 1860s and is referenced in the fourth stanza of the Star Spangled Banner (1814), which has been the official national anthem since 1931.

Before then, the de facto US national anthem was "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (1831), where the fourth stanza asks for God to bless and protect the United States.

The letter from the bipartisan caucus informed the president that without God the U.S. would become, in the words of President Ronald Reagan, "a nation gone under." They added they would be willing to meet with Obama to discuss their concerns further.

"Trust in God is embedded into the fabric of society and history in the United States," said Forbes. "If we allow these threads to be pulled, we will begin to unravel the very freedoms that birthed America."

A copy of the letter is available [here](#).