

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**HOUSE RESOLUTION 1495**

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Sponsors: Representatives Rhodes; Almond, Blackwood, Brown, Capps, Cleveland, Current, Daughtry, Dockham, Gulley, Hollo, Holloway, Holmes, Langdon, Rayfield, Setzer, Starnes, and Walend.

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Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House.

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April 21, 2005

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO  
2 DESIGNATE ENGLISH AS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE UNITED  
3 STATES.

4       Whereas, English is currently the national language of the United States only  
5 by custom, not by law; and

6       Whereas, the United States is comprised of individuals from many ethnic,  
7 cultural, and linguistic backgrounds, and continues to benefit from this rich diversity;  
8 and

9       Whereas, these individuals, although keeping their ethnic background alive,  
10 were urged to take advantage of the educational system that taught them the English  
11 language and American history; and

12       Whereas, throughout the history of the United States, the common thread  
13 binding individuals of differing backgrounds has been the English language; and

14       Whereas, North Carolina enacted legislation to make English the official  
15 State language in 1987; and

16       Whereas, command of the English language is necessary to participate in and  
17 take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by American life; Now, therefore,

18 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

19       **SECTION 1.** The North Carolina House of Representatives urges the United  
20 States Congress to enact "The English Language Unity Act of 2005" to establish  
21 English as the official language of the United States.

22       **SECTION 2.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit certified copies of this  
23 resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House  
24 of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, Majority Leader of the  
25 United States Senate, and the members of the North Carolina congressional delegation.

26       **SECTION 3.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.