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Akin Calls on Supreme Court to Allow Public Display of Ten Commandments

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Todd Akin (R-Mo) issued the following statement in support of the right of a state to display the Ten Commandments as the U.S. Supreme Court today considered whether a Ten Commandments monument can stay on Texas state Capitol grounds.

"It is indisputable that the Ten Commandments played a central role in the formation of the Constitution and the laws of our country," Akin said. "The display of the Ten Commandments is not only a form of homage to our forebears but, even more importantly, is essential to the very foundations of the nation and culture in which we live.

"Acknowledgement of the Judeo-Christian heritage upon which this nation was founded is used in such documents as our Declaration of Independence, the Gettysburg Address and virtually all of our Presidential inaugural addresses, our historic buildings including Congress and the Supreme Court. To attempt to scrub the public square of such references is a form of censorship and a sign of profound contempt for the conviction of the great majority of our fellow citizens and the very foundation of our system of self-government."