

July 11, 1958
[H. Con. Res. 175]

CODE OF ETHICS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),
That it is the sense of the Congress that the following Code of Ethics should be adhered to by all Government employees, including office-holders:

CODE OF ETHICS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE

Any person in Government service should:

1. Put loyalty to the highest moral principles and to country above loyalty to persons, party, or Government department.
2. Uphold the Constitution, laws, and legal regulations of the United States and of all governments therein and never be a party to their evasion.
3. Give a full day's labor for a full day's pay; giving to the performance of his duties his earnest effort and best thought.
4. Seek to find and employ more efficient and economical ways of getting tasks accomplished.
5. Never discriminate unfairly by the dispensing of special favors or privileges to anyone, whether for remuneration or not; and never accept, for himself or his family, favors or benefits under circumstances which might be construed by reasonable persons as influencing the performance of his governmental duties.
6. Make no private promises of any kind binding upon the duties of office, since a Government employee has no private word which can be binding on public duty.
7. Engage in no business with the Government, either directly or indirectly, which is inconsistent with the conscientious performance of his governmental duties.
8. Never use any information coming to him confidentially in the performance of governmental duties as a means for making private profit.
9. Expose corruption wherever discovered.
10. Uphold these principles, ever conscious that public office is a public trust.

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[H. Con. Res. 346]

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE LINCOLN-DOUGLAS DEBATE

Whereas the debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas at Freeport, Illinois, in the Illinois senatorial contest of 1858 was one of the great and important events in the history of the United States; and

Whereas the centennial anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas debate is to be appropriately commemorated at Freeport in August of 1958: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),
That the Congress of the United States joins the city of Freeport in commemorating the centennial anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas debate which was held in Freeport, Illinois, on August 27, 1858.

SEC. 2. A copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed and duly authenticated, shall be transmitted to the Governor of Illinois, and the president of the Lincoln-Douglas Society, Freeport, Illinois.

Passed July 15, 1958.

Lincoln-Douglas debate.
Centennial in Freeport, Ill.

Copy to Governor of Illinois.