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**I am opposed to HCR3020.**

The North Dakota resolution seeking to have the state "acknowledge the Kingship of Jesus Christ" is unconstitutional as it directly violates the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment, which mandates the separation of church and state. By officially recognizing a specific religious figure, the resolution promotes Christianity and grants it preferential status over other religions, thereby infringing upon the principle of religious neutrality that is central to our constitutional framework. The Establishment Clause is designed to prevent the government from endorsing or supporting any religion, ensuring that citizens of all faiths, or none at all, are treated equally under the law. Acknowledging the Kingship of Jesus Christ through a state resolution would not only alienate those who do not adhere to Christianity, but it would also set a dangerous precedent of government interference in religious matters, undermining the foundation of religious freedom that the First Amendment guarantees. As such, the resolution stands in direct conflict with the constitutional protections designed to safeguard religious liberty and the integrity of a secular government.

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