



## **AG STRANGE JOINS AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATIVE PRAYER**

(MONTGOMERY) – Attorney General Luther Strange joined 22 other attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in *Town of Greece, N.Y. v. Galloway*, asking the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a lower court’s ruling that legislative prayer at the beginning of a government assembly violates the Establishment Clause.

Thirty years ago, in *Marsh v. Chambers*, the Supreme Court upheld the practice of opening legislative sessions with prayer. The Court noted that legislative prayer is “part of the fabric of our society,” with an “unambiguous and unbroken history” dating back to the First Congress. The amicus brief asks the Court to reaffirm this holding, and also to clarify that the Constitution does not require state and local governments to screen the prayers for sectarian references.

“Alabama, like the rest of the nation, has a long history of opening legislative sessions with prayer,” Strange said. “I am proud to join this brief urging the Supreme Court to continue to protect this important tradition.”

Attorneys general from Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia and West Virginia also joined the amicus brief.

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