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## **Kentucky Supreme Court Declines to Hear Appeal by American Atheists:**

"Almighty God" and the KY Homeland Security Act are Upheld by KY Court of Appeals

History speaks above the prattle of secular humanism. This was the message delivered by the Kentucky supreme Court, who has declined to hear a case attacking the Kentucky Homeland Security Act for its reference to dependence on "Almighty God" as vital to the security of the Commonwealth.

In the court case of American Atheists vs. the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Col. Ron Ray and First Principles Press filed a brief with the Kentucky Court of Appeals representing 35 Kentucky Senators and 96 State Representatives, defending the historic and Constitutional reference to God. Colonel Ray, an expert in historical and Constitutional law, served as Military Historian and Deputy Director of Field Operations for the U.S. Marine Corps Historic Center in Washington, D.C. Colonel Ray defended the Kentucky General Assembly on the basis of our history. He states,

"This action of the legislature is entirely consistent with more than 500 years of America's official and permanent history in the creation and preservation of the Republic. These 'organic utterances' of the official branches of civil government have always recognized the Creator and this law is a specific application of America's Official National Motto, "In God We Trust," which no court has ever overturned, despite multiple efforts of those hostile to these self-evident truths."

The language disputed by the atheist group in the Homeland Security Act was drafted by Representative Tom Riner, who is a member of the Kentucky Historical Society and a state legislator since 1982. Representative Riner has served the Commonwealth of Kentucky on legislative committees in labor, education, and military affairs, and brings a wide knowledge base of history to the legislature.

Representative Riner joins America's founders who acknowledged the providence of Almighty God in the Declaration of Independence and in innumerable official acts. The supreme Court provided a similar history lesson in its citation of 400 organic utterances from America's history dating from 1492 to 1892, all of which acknowledged Almighty God (Church of the Holy Trinity v. United States, 143 U.S. 457 (1892). First Principles Press celebrates this decision, and will continue to defend our Commonwealth against the content-based censorship of American History; we are "One Nation Under God."