

## *The American's Creed*

*"I believe in the  
United States of America  
as a government of the People,  
by the People,  
for the People;  
whose just powers are derived from  
the consent of the governed;  
a Democracy in a Republic,  
a sovereign Nation  
of many sovereign States;  
a perfect Union,  
one and inseparable;  
established upon those principles of  
Freedom,  
Equality,  
Justice,  
and  
Humanity  
for which  
American Patriots  
sacrificed their lives and fortunes.  
I therefore believe  
it is my Duty to my Country  
to Love it,  
to Support its Constitution;  
to Obey its Laws;  
to Respect its Flag;  
and  
to Defend it against all enemies."*

- William Tyler Page

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The Creed was written by William Tyler Page of Friendship Heights, Maryland in the course of a nationwide contest on the subject.

Page was a descendent of President Tyler, and Representative John Page, who served in the Congress from 1789-97. He began his government career as a Congressional page in December of 1881. In 1919, he was elected Clerk of the House of Representatives, and held that position until December of 1931 when a new post, Emeritus Minority Clerk, was then created for him which he occupied until his death on October 20, 1942.