"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.