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Statement by Attorney General Ken Paxton on the Reinstatement of the Kountze Cheerleader Lawsuit

AUSTIN – Today Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton issued the following statement regarding the Texas Supreme Court decision to reinstate the Kountze Cheerleader Lawsuit:

“Religious liberty, deemed by our nation’s founders as the ‘First Freedom,’ is the foundation upon which our society has been built. I’m pleased the Texas Supreme Court has ensured that the Kountze cheerleaders will be able to continue defending their right to express their faith – the most fundamental of American freedoms.”

In September, Texas filed an amicus brief with the Texas Supreme Court in *Matthews v. Kountze Independent School District*, supporting the constitutional rights of Texas’ public schoolchildren to express their own messages at school and school-related events.

¹ Cheerleader on cover is sourced from

[http://media.photobucket.com/user/Forensic2/media/0CheerBSS.jpg.html?filters\[term\]=cheer&filters\[primary\]=images&filters\[featured_media\]=856&filters\[secondary\]=videos&sort=1&o=4](http://media.photobucket.com/user/Forensic2/media/0CheerBSS.jpg.html?filters[term]=cheer&filters[primary]=images&filters[featured_media]=856&filters[secondary]=videos&sort=1&o=4).

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A local high school celebrated the right to “express their faith” at football games, as seen below.² Expressing faith is a two-way street, and for the visually obtuse, this photo is a joke.

That said, I do not recommend anyone displaying a flag at a Texas football game emblazoned with, “I can do all things through Muhammad, Which Strengthens Me.”



I'm from that part of the country (the southwest), and I would wager the citizens would not see the humor or irony of the situation. On the other hand, I would wager that the Muslim cheerleaders would not be beheaded or stoned to death.

In America, it is difficult to conceive being stoned to death for playing around behind the haystack. In parts of the Middle East, it is usually the female who gets the rocks, while the male receives kudos from his pals. That is not how we Americans are constructed. If it were, I would be the human rendition of Stonehenge.

Nonetheless, I doubt the photo above is what the Texas Attorney General had in mind with his press release. Mr. Paxton, what's good for the Christian is good for the Muslim. So, thread carefully. Standing up for the faithful goes both ways.

² www.wnd.com/2016/01/texas-cheerleaders-score-victory-for-gods-word/, with some editing on my part.