1	State of Arkansas
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5	By: Senator Womack
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8	SENATE RESOLUTION
9	REQUESTING THAT ALL MEMBERS OF ARKANSAS'
10	DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND HOUSE
11	OF REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORT THE FEDERAL MARRIAGE
12	AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.
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16	ARKANSAS' DELEGATION TO THE UNITED
17	STATES SENATE AND HOUSE OF
18	REPRESENTATIVES SUPPORT THE FEDERAL
19	MARRIAGE AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES
20	CONSTITUTION.
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23	WHEREAS, our Creator, who endowed all people with certain unalienable
24	rights, also established the union of one man and one woman as the first and
25	most essential institution in society; and
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27	WHEREAS, throughout human history the family of one man, one woman, and
28	their children has been the core social unit of healthy and flourishing
29	cultures; and
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31	WHEREAS, in 1997, the Arkansas General Assembly passed a Defense of
32	Marriage Act prohibiting marriages between persons of the same sex and
33	denying marital benefits to same sex marriages; and
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35	WHEREAS, it is the public policy of the State of Arkansas to recognize
36	the marital union only of one man and one woman;



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2	WHEREAS, recently there have been serious attempts to change the
3	historical definition of marriage through legislation and judicial action;
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6	WHEREAS, recent court action outside of Arkansas may jeopardize the
7	enforcement of Arkansas' Defense of Marriage Act,
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9	NOW THEREFORE,
10	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE EIGHTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
11	STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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13	THAT the Senate of the Eighty-fourth General Assembly of the State of
14	Arkansas requests that all members of Arkansas' delegation to the United
15	States House of Representatives and the United States Senate support the
16	Federal Marriage Amendment to the United States Constitution.
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