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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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26 WHEREAS, our Creator, who endowed all people with certain unalienable
27 rights, also established the union of one man and one woman as the first and
28 most essential institution in society; and

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30 WHEREAS, throughout human history, the family of one man, one woman,
31 and their children has been the core social unit of healthy and flourishing
32 cultures; and

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34 WHEREAS, in 1997, the Arkansas General Assembly passed a Defense of
35 Marriage Act prohibiting marriages between persons of the same sex and
36 denying marital benefits to same-sex marriages; and



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WHEREAS, it is the public policy of the State of Arkansas to recognize the marital union only of one man and one woman; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, the people of Arkansas overwhelmingly passed an amendment to the Arkansas Constitution that specifically defined marriage as being between only one man and one woman; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the Arkansas Constitution defining marriage as being between only one man and one woman passed with seventy-five percent (75%) of the vote; and

WHEREAS, a majority of voters in each of Arkansas' seventy-five (75) counties voted for the amendment defining marriage; and

WHEREAS, recently there have been serious attempts to change the historical definition of marriage through legislation and judicial action; and

WHEREAS, recent court action outside of Arkansas may jeopardize the enforcement of Arkansas' Defense of Marriage Act and the amendment to the Arkansas Constitution defining marriage,

NOW THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EIGHTY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

That the House of Representatives of the Eighty-fifth General Assembly of the State of Arkansas requests that all members of Arkansas' delegation to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate support the Federal Marriage Amendment to the United States Constitution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption of this resolution, the Chief Clerk of the Arkansas House of Representatives shall transmit copies to each member of the Arkansas congressional delegation.