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H.C.R. No. 3

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Defense of Marriage Act was approved in a
2 bipartisan effort by 342 members of the United States House of
3 Representatives in the 104th Congress, including eight cosponsors
4 from the Texas delegation to the congress; in fact, bipartisan
5 support for the act extended to the United States Senate where 85
6 members, including both senators from Texas, voted for its passage;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, The legislation, signed into law by the president in
9 September 1996, established a federal definition of "marriage" as
10 only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife
11 and defined "spouse" to mean only a person of the opposite sex who
12 is a husband or wife; and

13 WHEREAS, Similar legislation is now before the 108th
14 Congress; House Joint Resolution 56 proposes an amendment to the
15 Constitution of the United States to provide that marriage shall
16 consist only of the union of a man and a woman and to prohibit the
17 U.S. Constitution, the constitution of any state, or any state or
18 federal law, to be construed to require that marital status or the
19 legal incidents thereof be conferred on unmarried couples or
20 groups; and

21 WHEREAS, This proposed constitutional amendment would
22 constitutionally guarantee what is explicitly provided for in the
23 United States Code as a result of the passage of the Defense of
24 Marriage Act in 1996; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas,
2 2nd Called Session, respectfully encourage the Congress of the
3 United States to enact House Joint Resolution 56, proposing an
4 amendment to the Constitution of the United States relating to
5 marriage; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That the Texas secretary of state forward official
7 copies of this resolution to the president of the United States, to
8 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
9 senate of the United States Congress, and to all the members of the
10 Texas delegation to the congress with the request that this
11 resolution be officially entered in the Congressional Record as a
12 memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.