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H.C.R. No. 1

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Defense of Marriage Act was approved in a
2 bipartisan effort by 342 of the 435 members of the United States
3 House of Representatives in the 104th Congress, including eight
4 cosponsors from the Texas delegation to the congress; in fact,
5 bipartisan support for the act extended to the United States Senate
6 where 85 members, including both senators from Texas, voted for its
7 passage; and

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

13 WHEREAS, Similar legislation is now before the 108th
14 Congress; Senate Joint Resolution 30 and House Joint Resolution 56
15 propose an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to
16 provide that marriage shall consist only of the union of a man and a
17 woman and to prohibit the U.S. Constitution, the constitution of
18 any state, or any state or federal law to be construed to require
19 that marital status or the legal incidents thereof be conferred on
20 unmarried couples or 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 4th Called Session, respectfully encourage the Congress of the
3 United States to enact Senate Joint Resolution 30 and House Joint
4 Resolution 56, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the
5 United States relating to 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.