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H.R. No. 1401

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, On June 26, 2015, the United States Supreme Court  
2 issued a landmark decision in the case of *Obergefell v. Hodges*,  
3 granting same-sex couples the right to marry in all 50 states; and

4 WHEREAS, The ruling capped more than a decade of legal and  
5 judicial action on the issue; in 2003, Massachusetts became the  
6 first state to allow same-sex marriage; by 2015, 35 other states and  
7 the District of Columbia had followed suit, but 14 states continued  
8 to bar the practice; and

9 WHEREAS, In February 2014, a federal lawsuit was filed on  
10 behalf of four same-sex couples, setting off a flurry of litigation  
11 in Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, and Tennessee from plaintiffs seeking  
12 recognition for out-of-state marriages and petitioning courts to  
13 overturn existing marriage bans; in November of that year, the  
14 state bans on marriage rights were upheld by the U.S. Court of  
15 Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, setting the stage for action by the  
16 U.S. Supreme Court; in January 2015, the justices of the high court  
17 agreed to grant review of the cases, which were consolidated under  
18 the title *Obergefell v. Hodges*; and

19 WHEREAS, The court's deliberations concerned the question of  
20 whether same-sex couples were guaranteed the right to marry under  
21 the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; on June 26,  
22 2015, the historic ruling was handed down in a five-to-four vote,  
23 with the court asserting that states may not "bar same-sex couples  
24 from marriage on the same terms accorded to couples of the opposite

1 sex"; and

2 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court's decision in *Obergefell v. Hodges*  
3 was a crucial turning point in the long struggle to achieve justice  
4 and equality under the law for LGBTQ Americans, and it is fitting to  
5 reflect on the ruling's tremendous historical significance on the  
6 occasion of its 10th anniversary; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby recognize June 26, 2025, as Marriage Equality  
9 Day and pay tribute to all those who have worked to secure equal  
10 marriage rights.