

Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1009

By: Cleveland, Fisher, Hulbert,
Bennett, Ritze, Kern, Lockhart,
Roberts (Sean), Cockroft,
Mulready, Reynolds, Hall, Armes,
O'Donnell, McCall, Walker,
Brumbaugh, Newell and Perryman of
the House

and

Standridge, Brecheen, Schulz,
Treat, Newberry, Johnson (Rob),
Loveless, Shaw, Fields, Brown,
Aldridge, Barrington, Halligan,
Crain, Anderson, Simpson,
Marlatt, Ford, Mazzei,
Stanislawski, Justice, Shortey,
Brooks, Boggs, Allen, Sharp,
Brinkley, Dahm, David, Sykes,
Bingman and Griffin of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution reaffirming the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman and urging the United States Supreme Court to uphold the Defense of Marriage Act and the right of states to regulate marriage.

WHEREAS, marriage is the building block upon which our society is based; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2004, Oklahoma voters expressed their collective intent to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman by approving State Question 711 which was an amendment to Article II of the Oklahoma Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the power to regulate marriage is a power reserved to the states that lies within the domain of state legislatures and not with the judicial branch of government; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court recently heard oral arguments in two separate cases that challenge the constitutionality of the federal Defense of Marriage Act and the authority of states to regulate marriage; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature commends the Honorable E. Scott Pruitt, Attorney General of Oklahoma, for filing an amicus curiae brief supporting Oklahoma's right to regulate marriage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature reaffirms its commitment to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman and urges the United States Supreme Court to uphold the Defense of Marriage Act and the right of states to regulate marriage.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the President and Vice President of the United States and to the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 8th day of April, 2013.



Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the 16th day of April, 2013.



Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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