

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1028

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Young

A Resolution memorializing the United States Congress
to initiate hearings related to the impact of
adopting and ratifying certain legislation; and
directing distribution.

WHEREAS, one of the most treasured values inculcated in our
American society is the sanctity of the institution of marriage
between a man and a woman; and

WHEREAS, this union between a man and woman has been the
building block of our American family and has been the bedrock of
our society's existence; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 56, currently introduced in the
United States Congress, states: "Marriage shall consist only of a
union of a man and woman"; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 56 further specifies: "Neither
this Constitution or the Constitution of any State, nor state or
federal law, shall be construed to require that marital status or
the legal incidents thereof be conferred upon unmarried couples or
groups."; and

WHEREAS, enactment of federal legislation, the Defense of
Marriage Act, and a recent court decision in Massachusetts regarding
marriage have left states divided as to what the institution of
marriage should mean and what should be the jurisdiction of the
courts in determining the marital status of a relationship; and

WHEREAS, current challenges to traditional marriage beliefs
could divide our nation's foundation and make our basic values of
family nebulous; and

WHEREAS, it is now time for states to come together and resolve these challenges by developing a consistent standard for the term, marriage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives memorializes the United States Congress to initiate hearings on the impact of House Joint Resolution 56 and whether the resolution should be adopted and ratified as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States defining marriage as only consisting of the union between a man and woman and whether any proposed constitutional amendment should also prohibit civil unions, domestic partnerships or other such spousal relationships between unmarried couples and groups.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 17th day of February, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives