

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 49th Legislature (2004)

HOUSE

RESOLUTION HR1027:

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AS INTRODUCED

A House Resolution memorializing the disapproval of the United States Supreme Court ruling that invalidated state anti-sodomy laws; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma House of Representatives wishes to express its disapproval of the recent ruling of the United States Supreme Court invalidating state anti-sodomy laws; and

WHEREAS, the Court's opinion improperly relies upon the laws of foreign countries as a ground for striking down American laws; and

WHEREAS, the Court's opinion improperly suggests that the moral concerns and opinions of the people of a state are, in and of themselves, insufficient bases for state laws regulating human conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Court's reasoning suggests that other morality-based prohibitions on otherwise consensual conduct, such as the general prohibitions against prostitution, bigamy, bestiality, and homosexual marriage, among others, may also be invalid; and

WHEREAS, the only proper marriage is that occurring between one man and one woman, and just as counterfeiting a currency has the potential to bankrupt an economy, counterfeiting the venerable institution of marriage by claiming that homosexual relationships are equal to heterosexual relationships has the same potential to negatively impact the moral and social fabric of our country.

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 disapproves of the United States Supreme Court's improper ruling concerning state anti-sodomy laws and calls on the Court to reverse its regrettable and erroneous ruling.

THAT should the Court fail to reverse its ruling, the Oklahoma House of Representatives requests that the United States Congress pass a federal constitutional amendment overruling the Court's decision and prohibiting homosexual marriage throughout the United States.

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives, on behalf of the citizens of Oklahoma, expresses its intent to see that Oklahoma is the first state in the union to ratify such an amendment to the federal constitution.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the President of the United States, the Justices of the United States Supreme Court, and the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

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